# STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



**DIVISION 6 – District 1** 

# **CONTRACT PROPOSAL**

WORK ORDER NUMBER: 6B.207811

**COUNTY: Robeson** 

DESCRIPTION: Removal and Replacement of Pipe Culverts & Replacement with Aluminum Pipe with Headwalls

BID OPENING: Wednesday, March 21, 2012 at 10:00 am

#### NOTICE:

ALL BIDDERS SHALL COMPLY WITH ALL APPLICABLE LAWS REGULATING THE PRACTICE OF GENERAL CONTRACTING AS CONTAINED IN CHAPTER 87 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES OF NORTH CAROLINA WHICH REQUIRES THE BIDDER TO BE LICENSED BY THE N.C. LICENSING BOARD FOR CONTRACTORS WHEN BIDDING ON ANY NON-FEDERAL AID PROJECT WHERE THE BID IS \$30,000 OR MORE, EXCEPT FOR CERTAIN SPECIALTY WORK AS DETERMINED BY THE LICENSING BOARD OR SBE PROJECT. BIDDERS SHALL ALSO COMPLY WITH ALL OTHER APPLICABLE LAWS REGULATING THE PRACTICES OF ELECTRICAL, PLUMBING, HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING AND REFRIGERATION CONTRACTING AS CONTAINED IN CHAPTER 87 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES OF NORTH CAROLINA.

NAME OF BIDDER	N.C. CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE NUM	

ADDRESS OF BIDDER

RETURN BIDS TO: N.C. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Attn: Tom Hay, Proposal Engineer

PO Box 1150

Fayetteville, NC 28302

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## **INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS**

# PLEASE READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY BEFORE PREPARING AND SUBMITTING YOUR BID.

All bids shall be prepared and submitted in accordance with the following requirements. Failure to comply with any requirement shall cause the bid to be considered irregular and shall be grounds for rejection of the bid.

- The bid sheet furnished by NCDOT with the proposal shall be used and shall not be altered in any manner. DO NOT SEPARATE THE BID SHEET FROM THE PROPOSAL!
- 2. All entries on the bid sheet, including signatures, shall be written in ink.
- **3.** The Bidder shall submit a unit price for every item on the bid form. The unit prices for the various contract items shall be written in figures.
- **4.** An amount bid shall be entered on the bid sheet for every item. The amount bid for each item shall be determined by multiplying each unit bid by the quantity for that item, and shall be written in figures in the "Amount Bid" column of the sheet.
- **5.** The total amount bid shall be written in figures in the proper place on the bid sheet. The total amount shall be determined by adding the amounts bid for each item.
- **6.** Changes in any entry shall be made by marking through the entry in ink and making the correct entry adjacent thereto in ink. A representative of the Bidder shall initial the change in ink.
- 7. The bid shall be properly executed. All bids shall show the following information:
  - a. Name of individual, firm, corporation, partnership, or joint venture submitting bid.
  - b. Name and signature of individual or representative submitting bid and position or title.
  - c. Name, signature, and position or title of witness.
  - d. Federal Identification Number (or Social Security Number of Individual)
  - e. Contractor's License Number (if Applicable)
- **8.** Bids submitted by corporations shall bear the seal of the corporation.
- 9. The bid shall not contain any unauthorized additions, deletions, or conditional bids.
- **10.** The bidder shall not add any provision reserving the right to accept or reject an award, or to enter into a contract pursuant to an award.
- 11. THE PROPOSAL WITH THE BID FORM STILL ATTACHED SHALL BE PLACED IN A SEALED ENVELOPE AND SHALL HAVE BEEN DELIVERED TO AND RECEIVED IN THE DIVISION PROPOSAL ENGINEER'S OFFICE AT 558 GILLESPIE ST, FAYETTEVILLE, NC 28301 BY 10:00 AM ON Wednesday, March 21, 2012
- **12.** The sealed bid must display the following statement on the front of the sealed envelope:

QUOTATION FOR Removal of Existing Pipe Culverts and Replacement with Aluminum Pipe Culverts and Headwalls in Robeson County.

TO BE OPENED AT 10:00 AM, WEDNESDAY March 21, 2012"

13. If delivered by mail, the sealed envelope shall be placed in another sealed envelope and the outer envelope shall be

TOM HAY, PROPOSALS ENGINEER NCDOT – DIVISION 6 P.O. Box 1150 FAYETTEVILLE, NC 28302

addressed as follows:

#### AWARD OF CONTRACT

The award of the contract, if it be awarded, will be made to the lowest responsible Bidder in accordance with Section 102 (excluding 102-2 and 102-11) of the Standard Specifications for Roads and Structures 2012. The lowest responsible will be notified that his bid has been accepted and that he has been awarded the contract. NCDOT reserves the right to reject all bids.

# DIVISION CONTRACT GENERAL PROVISIONS

#### **GENERAL**

This contract is for Removal of the Existing Pipe Culvert(s) and Replacement with Aluminum Pipe Culvert and Headwalls in Robeson County. All work and materials shall be in accordance with the provisions of the General Guidelines of this contract, the Project Special Provisions, the North Carolina Department of Transportation Standard Specifications for Roads and Structures (2012), the North Carolina Department of Transportation Roadway Standards Drawings (2012), and the current edition of the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD).

The Contractor shall keep himself fully informed of all Federal, State and local laws, ordinances, and regulations, and shall comply with the provisions of Section 107 of the Standard Specifications.

#### PRE-BID CONFERENCE

All prospective Bidders shall attend a Pre-Bid Conference at the location indicated below. This conference will be conducted by Department personnel for the purpose of providing additional information about the project and to give Bidders an opportunity to ask any questions they may have. Only bids received from Bidders who have attended and properly registered at the Pre-Bid Conference will be considered.

No questions concerning the project will be answered by any Department personnel at any time except at the Pre-Bid Conference.

Attendance at the Pre-Bid Conference will not meet the requirements of proper registration unless the individual attending has registered at the Conference in accordance with the following:

- 1. The individual signs his or her name on the official roster;
- 2. The individual writes in the name and address of the company he or she represents; and
- 3. Only one company is shown as being represented by the individual attending

Bidders are to meet for the Pre-Bid Conference, Wednesday, March 14, 2012 at 2:00PM. The Pre-Bid Conference will be held at the NC Department of Transportation, Fayetteville Road Maintenance Conference Room, 549 Transportation Drive, Fayetteville, North Carolina 28301.

#### PURCHASE ORDER PREQUALIFICATION

Beginning **July 1, 2009**, any firm that wishes to perform work on Division Purchase Order Contracts as either the prime contractor or as a subcontractor on the project must be prequalified for the type of work they wish to perform. Firms that wish to bid on these projects as the prime contractor must be prequalified <u>prior to submitting your bid</u>. Firms that wish to perform as a subcontractor to the prime contractor must be prequalified prior to beginning work on the project.

For the purposes of prequalification, any firm that is currently prequalified as a prime or a subcontractor on central let projects for the appropriate work codes is considered eligible to work and/or bid on Purchase Order Contracts as long as other items such as bonding and license requirements for the contract are met.

Information regarding the requirements to become prequalified as a Purchase Order Contract contractor, including the application to become prequalified if you are not already prequalified, can be found at the following website:

http://www.ncdot.org/business/howtogetstarted/

The application is currently in paper form and will soon be added to the on-line prequalification system. In the meantime, please fill out the paper application for review.

If you are unsure as to whether your firm is currently prequalified by the Department by the Contractual Services Unit, a search of the Directory of Transportation Firms can be performed at the website below:

#### https://apps.dot.state.nc.us/vendor/directory/

Exceptions to the above prequalification requirements are Small Business Enterprise (SBE) Contracts and Fully Operated Rental Equipment (FORE) Contracts. The requirements for eligibility on these contracts remain the same, and are not affected by the above requirements regarding prequalification.

#### **CONTRACT TIME AND LIQUIDATED DAMAGES:**

(7-1-95)(Rev. 12-18-07)

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The date of availability for this project is April 16, 2012. The Contractor may begin work prior to this date upon approval of the Engineer or his duly authorized representative. If such approval is given, and the Contractor begins work prior to the date of availability, the Department of Transportation will assume no responsibility for any delays caused prior to the date of availability by any reason whatsoever, and such delays, if any, will not constitute a valid reason for extending the completion date.

No work will be permitted and no purchase order will be issued until all required bonds and prerequisite conditions and certifications have been satisfied.

The completion date for this project shall be June 15, 2012. No extensions will be authorized except as authorized by Article 108-10 of the *Standard Specifications*.

The Contractor shall request a Pre-Construction Conference prior to beginning construction. To schedule the conference contact **Darren Pittman Division Bridge Engineer at (910) 829-6345**, to request a Pre-Construction Conference date and time.

Liquidated damages for this contract are Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) per calendar day.

#### INTERMEDIATE COMPLETION DATE AND LIQUIDATED DAMAGES

The Contractor shall be limited to three weeks for the road closure. All work requiring a road closure shall be completed during this time. The liquidated damages for this intermediate completion date are Three Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$350.00) per calendar day. Liquidated damages chargeable due to failure to complete this work by the intermediate completion date will be additional to any liquidated damages that may become chargeable due to failure to complete the remaining work on time.

#### **EXTENSION OF CONTRACT TIME**

Failure on the part of the Contractor to furnish bonds or certifications or to satisfy preliminary requirements necessary to issue the purchase order will not constitute grounds for extension of the contract time. If the Contractor has fulfilled all preliminary requirements for the issuance of a purchase order, and the purchase order authorization is not available by the date of availability, the Contractor shall be granted an extension equal to the number of calendar days the purchase order authorization is delayed after the date of availability.

#### **AUTHORITY OF THE ENGINEER**

The Engineer for this project shall be the Division Engineer, Division 6, Division of Highways, North Carolina Department of Transportation, acting directly or through his duly authorized representatives.

The Engineer will decide all questions which may arise as to the quality and acceptability of work performed and as to the rate of progress of the work; all questions which may arise as to the interpretation of the contract; and all questions as to

the acceptable fulfillment of the contract on the part of the Contractor. His decision shall be final and he shall have executive authority to enforce and make effective such decisions and orders as the Contractor fails to carry out promptly.

#### INSPECTION

All work shall be subject to inspection by the Engineer at any time. Routinely, the Engineer will make periodic inspections of the completed work. It will be the responsibility of the Contractor to keep the Engineer informed of his proposed work plan and to submit written reports of work accomplished on a frequency to be determined by the Engineer.

#### SUPERVISION BY CONTRACTOR

At all times during the life of the project the Contractor shall provide one permanent employee who shall have the authority and capability for overall responsibility of the project and who shall be personally available at the work site within 24 hours notice. Such employee shall be fully authorized to conduct all business with the subcontractors, to negotiate and execute all supplemental agreements, and to execute the orders or directions of the Engineer.

At all times that work is actually being performed, the Contractor shall have present on the project one competent individual who is authorized to act in a supervisory capacity over all work on the project, including work subcontracted. The individual who has been so authorized shall be experienced in the type of work being performed and shall be fully capable of managing, directing, and coordinating the work; of reading and thoroughly understanding the contract; and receiving and carrying out directions from the Engineer or his authorized representatives. He shall be an employee of the Contractor unless otherwise approved by the Engineer.

The Contractor may, at his option, designate one employee to meet the requirements of both positions. However, whenever the designated employee is absent from the work site, an authorized individual qualified to act in a supervisory capacity on the project shall be present.

#### PROSECUTION AND PROGRESS

The Contractor shall pursue the work diligently with workmen in sufficient numbers, abilities, and supervision, and with equipment, materials, and methods of construction as may be required to complete the work described in the contract by the completion date and in accordance with Section 108 of the Standard Specifications.

#### CONFORMITY WITH THE CONTRACT

The presence of the engineer or an inspector at the work site shall in no way lessen the contractor's responsibility for conformity with the provisions of this contract. Should the engineer or inspector fail to point out work that does not conform with the plans and specifications, whether from lack of discovery or for any other reason, it shall in no way prevent later rejection or correction to the unsatisfactory work when discovered. The contractor shall have no claim for losses suffered due to any necessary removals or repairs resulting from unsatisfactory work.

#### LIABILITY INSURANCE

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The Contractor shall be liable for any losses resulting from a breach of the terms of this contract. The Contractor shall be liable for any losses due to the negligence or willful misconduct of its agents, assigns and employees including any subcontractors which causes damage to others for which the Department is found liable under the Torts Claims Act, or in the General Courts of Justice, provided the Department provides prompt notice to the Contractor and that the Contractor has an opportunity to defend against such claims. The Contractor shall not be responsible for punitive damages.

The Contractor shall at its sole cost and expense obtain and furnish to the Department an original standard ACORD form certificate of insurance evidencing commercial general liability with a limit for bodily injury and property damage in the

amount of \$5,000,000.00 per occurrence and general aggregate, covering the Contractor from claims or damages for bodily injury, personal injury, or for property damages which may arise from operating under the contract by the employees and agents of the Contractor. The required limit of insurance may be obtained by a single general liability policy or the combination of a general liability and excess liability or umbrella policy. The State of North Carolina shall be named as an additional insured on this commercial general liability policy. The policy may contain the following language as relates to the State as an additional insured: "This insurance with respect to the additional insured applies only to the extent that the additional insured is held liable for your or your agent's acts or omissions arising out of and in the course of operations performed for the additional insured."

The Contractor shall maintain all legally required insurance coverage, including without limitation, worker's compensation and vehicle liability, in the amounts required by law. Providing and maintaining adequate insurance coverage is a material obligation of the contractor and is of the essence of this contract. All such insurance shall meet all laws of the State of North Carolina. Such insurance coverage shall be obtained from companies that are authorized to provide such coverage and that are authorized by the Commissioner of Insurance to do business in North Carolina. The Contractor shall at all times comply with the terms of such insurance policies.

Upon execution of the contract, provide evidence of the above insurance requirements to the Engineer.

#### RESPONSIBILITY FOR DAMAGE CLAIMS

In accordance with Article 107-15 of the Standard Specifications, the Contractor shall indemnify and save harmless the Department of Transportation and its officers, agents and employees from all suits, actions, or claims of any character brought for any injury or damages received or sustained by any person, persons or property by reason of any act of the Contractor, subcontractor, its agents or employees, in the performance of the contract. The Contractor further agrees to indemnify and save harmless the Department of Transportation and its officers, agents, and employees from any claims or amounts recovered by any of the Contractor's employees under the Worker's Compensation Act.

Pursuant to N.C.G.S. 97-19, all Contractors of the Department of Transportation are, prior to beginning services, required to show proof of coverage issued by a Worker's Compensation Insurance Carrier, or a Certificate of Compliance issued by the Department of Insurance for self-insured Subcontractors stating that it has complied with N.C.G.S. 97-93 irrespective of whether Subcontractors have regularly in service fewer than three employees in the same business within the State of North Carolina, and Subcontractors shall be hereinafter liable under the Worker's Compensation Act for payment of compensation and other benefits to its employees for any injury or death due to an accident arising out of, and in the course of performance of the work by, the Subcontractor.

#### CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

(7-1-95) SP1G88

If the successful bidder does not hold the proper license to perform any plumbing, heating, air conditioning, or electrical work in this contract, he will be required to sublet such work to a contractor properly licensed in accordance with *Article 2* of *Chapter 87* of the *General Statutes* (licensing of heating, plumbing, and air conditioning contractors) and *Article 4* of *Chapter 87* of the *General Statutes* (licensing of electrical contractors).

#### CONTRACT PAYMENT AND PERFORMANCE BOND

A performance bond in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract amount, conditioned upon the faithful performance of the contract in accordance with specifications and conditions of the contract is required for Construction contracts of \$500,000 or more. Such bond shall be solely for the protection of the North Carolina Department of Transportation and the State of North Carolina.

A payment bond in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract amount, conditioned upon the prompt payment for all labor or materials for which the Contractor, or his subcontractors, is liable is required for Construction contracts greater than \$500,000. The payment bond shall be solely for the protection of persons or firms furnishing materials or performing labor for this contract for which the Contractor is liable. The successful bidder, within fourteen (14) days after notice of award, shall provide the Department with a contract payment bond and a contract performance bond each in an amount equal to 100 percent of the amount of the contract.

#### PERFORMANCE BOND WILL BE REQUIRED ON THIS CONTRACT REGARDLESS OF AMOUNT

#### MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE AND WOMEN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE

(10-16-07)(Rev. 11-15-11) SP1 G68

#### **Description**

The purpose of this Special Provision is to carry out the North Carolina Department of Transportation's policy of ensuring nondiscrimination in the award and administration of contracts financed in whole or in part with State funds.

#### **Definitions**

Additional MBE/WBE Subcontractors - Any MBE/WBE submitted at the time of bid that will <u>not</u> be used to meet either the MBE or WBE goal. No submittal of a Letter of Intent is required.

Committed MBE/WBE Subcontractor - Any MBE/WBE submitted at the time of bid that is being used to meet either the MBE or WBE goal by submission of a Letter of Intent. Or any MBE or WBE used as a replacement for a previously committed MBE or WBE firm.

Contract Goals Requirement - The approved MBE and WBE participation at time of award, but not greater than the advertised contract goals for each.

Goal Confirmation Letter - Written documentation from the Department to the bidder confirming the Contractor's approved, committed MBE and WBE participation along with a listing of the committed MBE and WBE firms.

Manufacturer - A firm that operates or maintains a factory or establishment that produces on the premises, the materials or supplies obtained by the Contractor.

MBE Goal - A portion of the total contract, expressed as a percentage, that is to be performed by committed MBE subcontractor(s).

*Minority Business Enterprise (MBE)* - A firm certified as a Disadvantaged Minority-Owned Business Enterprise through the North Carolina Unified Certification Program.

Municipality - The entity letting the contract, when this provision refers to the Department or DOT, it shall mean the municipality, if applicable.

Regular Dealer - A firm that owns, operates, or maintains a store, warehouse, or other establishment in which the materials or supplies required for the performance of the contract are bought, kept in stock, and regularly sold to the public in the usual course of business. A regular dealer engages in, as its principal business and in its own name, the purchase and sale or lease of the products in question. A regular dealer in such bulk items as steel, cement, gravel, stone, and petroleum products need not keep such products in stock, if it owns and operates distribution equipment for the products. Brokers and packagers are not regarded as manufacturers or regular dealers within the meaning of this section.

North Carolina Unified Certification Program (NCUCP) - A program that provides comprehensive services and information to applicants for MBE/WBE certification. The MBE/WBE program follows the same regulations as the federal Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program in accordance with 49 CFR Part 26.

Standard Specifications - The general term comprising all directions, provisions, and requirements contained or referred to in the North Carolina Department of Transportation Standard Specifications for Roads and Structures and any subsequent revisions or additions to such book.

*United States Department of Transportation (USDOT)* - Federal agency responsible for issuing regulations (49 CFR Part 26) and official guidance for the DBE program.

WBE Goal - A portion of the total contract, expressed as a percentage, that is to be performed by committed WBE subcontractor(s).

Women Business Enterprise (WBE) - A firm certified as a Disadvantaged Women-Owned Business Enterprise through the North Carolina Unified Certification Program.

#### Forms and Websites Referenced in this Provision

Payment Tracking System - On-line system in which the Contractor enters the payments made to MBE and WBE subcontractors who have performed work on the project. https://apps.dot.state.nc.us/Vendor/PaymentTracking/

DBE-IS Subcontractor Payment Information - Form for reporting the payments made to all MBE/WBE firms working on the project. This form is for paper bid projects only. http://www.ncdot.org/doh/forms/files/DBE-IS.xls

RF-1 *MBE/WBE Replacement Request Form* - Form for replacing a committed MBE or WBE. https://apps.dot.state.nc.us/\_includes/download/external.html?pdf=http%3A//www.ncdot.gov/doh/forms/files/RF-1.pdf

(B) SAF Subcontract Approval Form - Form required for approval to sublet the contract. http://www.ncdot.org/doh/operations/dp\_chief\_eng/constructionunit/saf.xls

JC-1 Joint Check Notification Form - Form and procedures for joint check notification. The form acts as a written joint check agreement among the parties providing full and prompt disclosure of the expected use of joint checks. https://apps.dot.state.nc.us/\_includes/download/external.html?pdf=http%3A//www.ncdot.gov/doh/forms/files/JC-1.pdf

Letter of Intent - Form signed by the Contractor and the MBE/WBE subcontractor, manufacturer or regular dealer that affirms that a portion of said contract is going to be performed by the signed MBE/WBE for the amount listed at the time of bid.

http://www.ncdot.org/doh/preconstruct/ps/contracts/letterofintent.pdf

Listing of MBE and WBE Subcontractors Form - Form for entering MBE/WBE subcontractors on a project that will meet this MBE and WBE goals. This form is for paper bids only. http://www.ncdot.gov/doh/preconstruct/ps/word/MISC3.doc

Subcontractor Quote Comparison Sheet - Spreadsheet for showing all subcontractor quotes in the work areas where MBEs and WBEs quoted on the project. This sheet is submitted with good faith effort packages. http://www.ncdot.gov/business/ocs/goodfaith/excel/Ex Subcontractor Quote Comparison.xls

#### **MBE and WBE Goal**

The following goals for participation by Minority Business Enterprises and Women Business Enterprises are established for this contract:

- (A) Minority Business Enterprises [0] %
  - (1) If the MBE goal is more than zero, the Contractor shall exercise all necessary and reasonable steps to ensure that MBEs participate in at least the percent of the contract as set forth above as the MBE goal.
  - (2) If the MBE goal is zero, the Contractor shall make an effort to recruit and use MBEs during the performance of the contract. Any MBE participation obtained shall be reported to the Department.
- (B) Women Business Enterprises [0] %
  - (1) If the WBE goal is more than zero, the Contractor shall exercise all necessary and reasonable steps to ensure that WBEs participate in at least the percent of the contract as set forth above as the WBE goal.
  - (2) If the WBE goal is zero, the Contractor shall make an effort to recruit and use WBEs during the performance of the contract. Any WBE participation obtained shall be reported to the Department.

#### **Directory of Transportation Firms (Directory)**

Real-time information is available about firms doing business with the Department and firms that are certified through NCUCP in the Directory of Transportation Firms. Only firms identified in the Directory as MBE and WBE certified shall be used to meet the MBE and WBE goals respectively. The Directory can be found at the following link. https://partner.ncdot.gov/VendorDirectory/default.html

The listing of an individual firm in the directory shall not be construed as an endorsement of the firm's capability to perform certain work.

#### **Listing of MBE/WBE Subcontractors**

At the time of bid, bidders shall submit <u>all</u> MBE and WBE participation that they anticipate to use during the life of the contract. Only those identified to meet the MBE goal and the WBE goal will be considered committed, even though the listing shall include both committed MBE/WBE subcontractors and additional MBE/WBE subcontractors. Any additional MBE/WBE subcontractor participation submitted at the time of bid will be used toward overall race-neutral goals. Only those firms with current MBE and WBE certification at the time of bid opening will be acceptable for listing in the bidder's submittal of MBE and WBE participation. The Contractor shall indicate the following required information:

<u>Blank forms will not be deemed to represent zero participation</u>. Bids submitted that do not have MBE and WBE participation indicated on the appropriate form will not be read publicly during the opening of bids. The Department will not consider these bids for award and the proposal will be rejected.

- (A) If either the MBE or WBE goal is more than zero,
  - (1) Bidders, at the time the bid proposal is submitted, shall submit a listing of MBE/WBE participation, including the names and addresses on *Listing of MBE and WBE Subcontractors* contained elsewhere in the contract documents in order for the bid to be considered responsive. Bidders shall indicate the total dollar value of the MBE and WBE participation for the contract.
  - (2) If bidders have no MBE or WBE participation, they shall indicate this on the *Listing of MBE and WBE Subcontractors* by entering the word "None" or the number "0." This form shall be completed in its entirety.
  - (3) The bidder shall be responsible for ensuring that the MBE/WBE is certified at the time of bid by checking the Directory of Transportation Firms. If the firm is not certified at the time of the bid-letting, that MBE's or WBE's participation will not count towards achieving the corresponding goal.
- (B) If either the MBE or WBE goal is zero, bidders, at the time the bid proposal is submitted, shall enter the word "None"; or the number "0"; or if there is participation, add the value on the Listing of MBE and WBE Subcontractors contained elsewhere in the contract documents.

#### **MBE or WBE Prime Contractor**

When a certified MBE or WBE firm bids on a contract that contains MBE and WBE goals, the firm is responsible for meeting the goals or making good faith efforts to meet the goals, just like any other bidder. In most cases, a MBE or WBE bidder on a contract will meet one of the goals by virtue of the work it performs on the contract with its own forces. However, all the work that is performed by the MBE or WBE bidder and any other similarly certified subcontractors will count toward the goal. The MBE or WBE bidder shall list itself along with any MBE or WBE subcontractors, if any, in order to receive credit toward the goals.

For example, on a proposed contract, the WBE goal is 10%, and the MBE goal is 8%. A WBE bidder puts in a bid where they will perform 40% of the contract work and have a WBE subcontractor which will perform another 5% of the work. Together the two WBE firms submit on the *Listing of MBE and WBE Subcontractors* a value of 45% of the contract which fulfills the WBE goal. The 8% MBE goal shall be obtained through MBE participation with MBE certified subcontractors or documented through a good faith effort. It should be noted that you cannot combine the two goals to meet an overall value. The two goals shall remain separate.

MBE/WBE prime contractors shall also follow Sections A or B listed under *Listing of MBE/WBE Subcontractors* just as a non-MBE/WBE bidder would.

#### Written Documentation – Letter of Intent

The bidder shall submit written documentation for each MBE/WBE that will be used to meet the MBE and WBE goals of the contract, indicating the bidder's commitment to use the MBE/WBE in the contract. This documentation shall be submitted on the Department's form titled *Letter of Intent*.

The documentation shall be received in the office of the Engineer no later than 12:00 noon of the sixth calendar day following opening of bids, unless the sixth day falls on Saturday, Sunday or an official state holiday. In that situation, it is due in the office of the Engineer no later than 12:00 noon on the next official state business day.

If the bidder fails to submit the Letter of Intent from each committed MBE and WBE to be used toward the MBE and WBE goals, or if the form is incomplete (i.e. both signatures are not present), the MBE/WBE participation will not count toward meeting the MBE/WBE goal. If the lack of this participation drops the commitment below either the MBE or WBE goal, the Contractor shall submit evidence of good faith efforts for the goal not met, completed in its entirety, to the Engineer no later than 12:00 noon of the eighth calendar day following opening of bids, unless the eighth day falls on Saturday, Sunday or an official state holiday. In that situation, it is due in the office of the Engineer no later than 12:00 noon on the next official state business day.

#### **Submission of Good Faith Effort**

If the bidder fails to meet or exceed either the MBE or the WBE goal the apparent lowest responsive bidder shall submit to the Department documentation of adequate good faith efforts made to reach that specific goal(s).

One complete set and nine (9) copies of this information shall be received in the office of the Engineer no later than 12:00 noon of the sixth calendar day following opening of bids, unless the sixth day falls on Saturday, Sunday or an official state holiday. In that situation, it is due in the office of the Engineer no later than 12:00 noon on the next official state business day.

Note: Where the information submitted includes repetitious solicitation letters, it will be acceptable to submit a representative letter along with a distribution list of the firms that were solicited. Documentation of MBE/WBE quotations shall be a part of the good faith effort submittal. This documentation may include written subcontractor quotations, telephone log notations of verbal quotations, or other types of quotation documentation.

#### Consideration of Good Faith Effort for Projects with MBE/WBE Goals More Than Zero

Adequate good faith efforts mean that the bidder took all necessary and reasonable steps to achieve the goal which, by their scope, intensity, and appropriateness, could reasonably be expected to obtain sufficient MBE/WBE participation. Adequate good faith efforts also mean that the bidder actively and aggressively sought MBE/WBE participation. Mere *pro forma* efforts are not considered good faith efforts.

The Department will consider the quality, quantity, and intensity of the different kinds of efforts a bidder has made. Listed below are examples of the types of actions a bidder will take in making a good faith effort to meet the goals and are not intended to be exclusive or exhaustive, nor is it intended to be a mandatory checklist.

- (A) Soliciting through all reasonable and available means (e.g. attendance at pre-bid meetings, advertising and/or written notices through the use of the NCDOT Directory of Transportation Firms) the interest of all certified MBEs/WBEs who have the capability to perform the work of the contract. The bidder must solicit this interest within at least 10 days prior to bid opening to allow the MBEs/WBEs to respond to the solicitation. Solicitation shall provide the opportunity to MBEs/WBEs within the Division and surrounding Divisions where the project is located. The bidder must determine with certainty if the MBEs/WBEs are interested by taking appropriate steps to follow up initial solicitations.
- (B) Selecting portions of the work to be performed by MBEs/WBEs in order to increase the likelihood that the MBE and WBE goals will be achieved. This includes, where appropriate, breaking out contract work items into economically feasible units to facilitate MBE/WBE participation, even when the prime contractor might otherwise prefer to perform these work items with its own forces.

- (C) Providing interested MBEs/WBEs with adequate information about the plans, specifications, and requirements of the contract in a timely manner to assist them in responding to a solicitation.
- (D) (1) Negotiating in good faith with interested MBEs/WBEs. It is the bidder's

responsibility to make a portion of the work available to MBE/WBE subcontractors and suppliers and to select those portions of the work or material needs consistent with the available MBE/WBE subcontractors and suppliers, so as to facilitate MBE/WBE participation. Evidence of such negotiation includes the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of MBEs/WBEs that were considered; a description of the information provided regarding the plans and specifications for the work selected for subcontracting; and evidence as to why additional agreements could not be reached for MBEs/WBEs to perform the work.

- (2) A bidder using good business judgment would consider a number of factors in negotiating with subcontractors, including MBE/WBE subcontractors, and would take a firm's price and capabilities as well as contract goals into consideration. However, the fact that there may be some additional costs involved in finding and using MBEs/WBEs is not in itself sufficient reason for a bidder's failure to meet the contract MBE or WBE goals, as long as such costs are reasonable. Also, the ability or desire of a prime contractor to perform the work of a contract with its own organization does not relieve the bidder of the responsibility to make good faith efforts. Bidding contractors are not, however, required to accept higher quotes from MBEs/WBEs if the price difference is excessive or unreasonable.
- (E) Not rejecting MBEs/WBEs as being unqualified without sound reasons based on a thorough investigation of their capabilities. The bidder's standing within its industry, membership in specific groups, organizations, or associates and political or social affiliations (for example, union vs. non-union employee status) are not legitimate causes for the rejection or non-solicitation of bids in the bidder's efforts to meet the project goal.
- (F) Making efforts to assist interested MBEs/WBEs in obtaining bonding, lines of credit, or insurance as required by the recipient or bidder.
- (G) Making efforts to assist interested MBEs/WBEs in obtaining necessary equipment, supplies, materials, or related assistance or services.
- (H) Effectively using the services of available minority/women community organizations; minority/women contractors' groups; Federal, State, and local minority/women business assistance offices; and other organizations as allowed on a case-by-case basis to provide assistance in the recruitment and placement of MBEs/WBEs. Contact within 7 days from the bid opening NCDOT's Business Development Manager in the Business Opportunity and Work Force Development Unit to give notification of the bidder's inability to get MBE or WBE quotes.
- (I) Any other evidence that the bidder submits which shows that the bidder has made reasonable good faith efforts to meet the MBE and WBE goal.

In addition, the Department may take into account the following:

- (1) Whether the bidder's documentation reflects a clear and realistic plan for achieving the MBE and WBE goals.
- (2) The bidders' past performance in meeting the MBE and WBE goals.
- (3) The performance of other bidders in meeting the MBE and WBE goals. For example, when the apparent successful bidder fails to meet the goals, but others meet it, you may reasonably raise the question of whether, with additional reasonable efforts the apparent successful bidder could have met the goals. If the apparent successful bidder fails to meet the MBE and WBE goals, but meets or exceeds the average MBE and WBE participation obtained by other bidders, the Department may view this, in conjunction with other factors, as evidence of the apparent successful bidder having made a good faith effort.

If the Department does not award the contract to the apparent lowest responsive bidder, the Department reserves the right to award the contract to the next lowest responsive bidder that can satisfy to the Department that the MBE and WBE goals can be met or that an adequate good faith effort has been made to meet the MBE and WBE goals.

#### **Non-Good Faith Appeal**

The Engineer will notify the contractor verbally and in writing of non-good faith. A contractor may appeal a determination of non-good faith made by the Goal Compliance Committee. If a contractor wishes to appeal the determination made by the Committee, they shall provide written notification to the Engineer. The appeal shall be made within 2 business days of notification of the determination of non-good faith.

#### **Counting MBE/WBE Participation Toward Meeting MBE/WBE Goals**

#### (A) Participation

The total dollar value of the participation by a committed MBE/WBE will be counted toward the contract goal requirements. The total dollar value of participation by a committed MBE/WBE will be based upon the value of work actually performed by the MBE/WBE and the actual payments to MBE/WBE firms by the Contractor.

#### (B) Joint Checks

Prior notification of joint check use shall be required when counting MBE/WBE participation for services or purchases that involves the use of a joint check. Notification shall be through submission of Form JC-1 (*Joint Check Notification Form*) and the use of joint checks shall be in accordance with the Department's Joint Check Procedures.

#### (C) Subcontracts (Non-Trucking)

A MBE/WBE may enter into subcontracts. Work that a MBE subcontracts to another MBE firm may be counted toward the MBE contract goal requirement. The same holds for work that a WBE subcontracts to another WBE firm. Work that a MBE subcontracts to a non-MBE firm does <u>not</u> count toward the MBE contract goal requirement. Again, the same holds true for the work that a WBE subcontracts to a non-WBE firm. If a MBE or WBE contractor or subcontractor subcontracts a significantly greater portion of the work of the contract than would be expected on the basis of standard industry practices, it shall be presumed that the MBE or WBE is not performing a commercially useful function. The MBE/WBE may present evidence to rebut this presumption to the Department. The Department's decision on the rebuttal of this presumption may be subject to review by the Office of Inspector General, NCDOT.

#### (D) Joint Venture

When a MBE or WBE performs as a participant in a joint venture, the Contractor may count toward its contract goal requirement a portion of the total value of participation with the MBE or WBE in the joint venture, that portion of the total dollar value being a distinct clearly defined portion of work that the MBE or WBE performs with its forces.

#### (E) Suppliers

A contractor may count toward its MBE or WBE requirement 60 percent of its expenditures for materials and supplies required to complete the contract and obtained from a MBE or WBE regular dealer and 100 percent of such expenditures from a MBE or WBE manufacturer.

#### (F) Manufacturers and Regular Dealers

A contractor may count toward its MBE or WBE requirement the following expenditures to MBE/WBE firms that are not manufacturers or regular dealers:

- (1) The fees or commissions charged by a MBE/WBE firm for providing a *bona fide* service, such as professional, technical, consultant, or managerial services, or for providing bonds or insurance specifically required for the performance of
- a DOT-assisted contract, provided the fees or commissions are determined to be reasonable and not excessive as compared with fees and commissions customarily allowed for similar services.
- (2) With respect to materials or supplies purchased from a MBE/WBE, which is neither a manufacturer nor a regular dealer, count the entire amount of fees or commissions charged for assistance in the procurement of the materials and supplies, or fees or transportation charges for the delivery of materials or supplies required on a job site (but not the cost

of the materials and supplies themselves), provided the fees are determined to be reasonable and not excessive as compared with fees customarily allowed for similar services.

#### **Commercially Useful Function**

#### (A) MBE/WBE Utilization

The Contractor may count toward its contract goal requirement only expenditures to MBEs and WBEs that perform a commercially useful function in the work of a contract. A MBE/WBE performs a commercially useful function when it is responsible for execution of the work of the contract and is carrying out its responsibilities by actually performing, managing, and supervising the work involved. To perform a commercially useful function, the MBE/WBE shall also be responsible with respect to materials and supplies used on the contract, for negotiating price, determining quality and quantity, ordering the material and installing (where applicable) and paying for the material itself. To determine whether a MBE/WBE is performing a commercially useful function, the Department will evaluate the amount of work subcontracted, industry practices, whether the amount the firm is to be paid under the contract is commensurate with the work it is actually performing and the MBE/WBE credit claimed for its performance of the work, and any other relevant factors.

#### (B) MBE/WBE Utilization in Trucking

The following factors will be used to determine if a MBE or WBE trucking firm is performing a commercially useful function.

- (1) The MBE/WBE shall be responsible for the management and supervision of the entire trucking operation for which it is responsible on a particular contract, and there shall not be a contrived arrangement for the purpose of meeting the MBE or WBE goal.
- (2) The MBE/WBE shall itself own and operate at least one fully licensed, insured, and operational truck used on the contract.
- (3) The MBE/WBE receives credit for the total value of the transportation services it provides on the contract using trucks it owns, insures, and operates using drivers it employs.
- MBE (4) The mav subcontract the work to another MBE firm. includina an owner-operator who is certified as a MBE. The same holds true that a WBE may subcontract the work to another WBE firm, including an owner-operator who is certified as a WBE. When this occurs, the MBE or WBE who subcontracts work receives credit for the total value of the transportation services the subcontracted MBE or WBE provides on the contract. It should be noted that every effort shall be made by MBE and WBE contractors to subcontract to the same certification (i.e., MBEs to MBEs and WBEs), in order to fulfill the goal requirement. This, however, may not always be possible due to the limitation of firms in the area. If the MBE or WBE firm shows a good faith effort has been made to reach out to similarly certified transportation service providers and there is no interest or availability, and they can get assistance from other certified providers, the Engineer will not hold the prime liable for meeting the goal.
- (5) The MBE/WBE may also subcontract the work to a non-MBE/WBE firm, including from an owner-operator. The MBE/WBE who subcontracts the work to a non-MBE/WBE is entitled to credit for the total value of transportation services provided by the non-MBE/WBE subcontractor not to exceed the value of transportation services provided by MBE/WBE-owned trucks on the contract. Additional participation by non-MBE/WBE subcontractors receives credit only for the fee or commission it receives as a result of the subcontract arrangement. The value of services performed under subcontract agreements between the MBE/WBE and the Contractor will not count towards the MBE/WBE contract requirement.
- (6) A MBE/WBE may lease truck(s) from an established equipment leasing business open to the general public. The lease must indicate that the MBE/WBE has exclusive use of and control over the truck. This requirement does not preclude the leased truck from working for others during the term of the lease with the consent of the MBE/WBE, so long as the lease gives the MBE/WBE absolute priority for use of the leased truck. This type of lease may count toward the MBE/WBE's credit as long as the driver is under the MBE/WBE's payroll.
- (7) Subcontracted/leased trucks shall display clearly on the dashboard the name of the MBE/WBE that they are subcontracted/leased to and their own company name if it is not identified on the truck itself. Magnetic door signs are not permitted.

#### **MBE/WBE** Replacement

When a Contractor has relied on a commitment to a MBE or WBE firm (or an approved substitute MBE or WBE firm) to meet all or part of a contract goal requirement, the contractor shall not terminate the MBE/WBE for convenience. This includes, but is not limited to, instances in which the Contractor seeks to perform the work of the terminated subcontractor with another MBE/WBE subcontractor, a non-MBE/WBE subcontractor, or with the Contractor's own forces or those of an affiliate. A MBE/WBE may only be terminated after receiving the Engineer's written approval based upon a finding of good cause for the termination.

All requests for replacement of a committed MBE/WBE firm shall be submitted to the Engineer for approval on Form RF-1 (*Replacement Request*). If the Contractor fails to follow this procedure, the Contractor may be disqualified from further bidding for a period of up to 6 months.

The Contractor shall comply with the following for replacement of a committed MBE/WBE:

#### (A) Performance Related Replacement

When a committed MBE is terminated for good cause as stated above, an additional MBE that was submitted at the time of bid may be used to fulfill the MBE commitment. The same holds true if a committed WBE is terminated for good cause, an additional WBE that was submitted at the time of bid may be used to fulfill the WBE goal. A good faith effort will only be required for removing a committed MBE/WBE if there were no additional MBEs/WBEs submitted at the time of bid to cover the same amount of work as the MBE/WBE that was terminated.

If a replacement MBE/WBE is not found that can perform at least the same amount of work as the terminated MBE/WBE, the Contractor shall submit a good faith effort documenting the steps taken. Such documentation shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- (1) Copies of written notification to MBEs/WBEs that their interest is solicited in contracting the work defaulted by the previous MBE/WBE or in subcontracting other items of work in the contract.
- (2) Efforts to negotiate with MBEs/WBEs for specific subbids including, at a minimum:
- (a) The names, addresses, and telephone numbers of MBEs/WBEs who were contacted.
- (b) A description of the information provided to MBEs/WBEs regarding the plans and specifications for portions of the work to be performed.
- (3) A list of reasons why MBE/WBE quotes were not accepted.
- (4) Efforts made to assist the MBEs/WBEs contacted, if needed, in obtaining bonding or insurance required by the Contractor.
- (B) Decertification Replacement
- (1) When a committed MBE/WBE is decertified by the Department after the SAF (*Subcontract Approval Form*) has been received by the Department, the Department will not require the Contractor to solicit replacement MBE/WBE participation equal to the remaining work to be performed by the decertified firm. The participation equal to the remaining work performed by the decertified firm will count toward the contract goal requirement.
- When a committed MBE/WBE is decertified prior to the Department receiving the SAF (*Subcontract Approval Form*) for the named MBE/WBE firm, the Contractor shall take all necessary and reasonable steps to replace the MBE/WBE subcontractor with another similarly certified MBE/WBE subcontractor to perform at least the same amount of work to meet the MBE/WBE goal requirement. If a MBE/WBE firm is not found to do the same amount of work, a good faith effort must be submitted to NCDOT (see A herein for required documentation).

#### **Changes in the Work**

When the Engineer makes changes that result in the reduction or elimination of work to be performed by a committed MBE/WBE, the Contractor will not be required to seek additional participation. When the Engineer makes changes that

result in additional work to be performed by a MBE/WBE based upon the Contractor's commitment, the MBE/WBE shall participate in additional work to the same extent as the MBE/WBE participated in the original contract work.

When the Engineer makes changes that result in extra work, which has more than a minimal impact on the contract amount, the Contractor shall seek additional participation by MBEs/WBEs unless otherwise approved by the Engineer.

When the Engineer makes changes that result in an alteration of plans or details of construction, and a portion or all of the work had been expected to be performed by a committed MBE/WBE, the Contractor shall seek participation by MBEs/WBEs unless otherwise approved by the Engineer.

When the Contractor requests changes in the work that result in the reduction or elimination of work that the Contractor committed to be performed by a MBE/WBE, the Contractor shall seek additional participation by MBEs/WBEs equal to the reduced MBE/WBE participation caused by the changes.

#### **Reports and Documentation**

A SAF (Subcontract Approval Form) shall be submitted for all work which is to be performed by a MBE/WBE subcontractor. The Department reserves the right to require copies of actual subcontract agreements involving MBE/WBE subcontractors.

When using transportation services to meet the contract commitment, the Contractor shall submit a proposed trucking plan in addition to the SAF. The plan shall be submitted prior to beginning construction on the project. The plan shall include the names of all trucking firms proposed for use, their certification type(s), the number of trucks owned by the firm, as well as the individual truck identification numbers, and the line item(s) being performed.

Within 30 calendar days of entering into an agreement with a MBE/WBE for materials, supplies or services, not otherwise documented by the SAF as specified above, the Contractor shall furnish the Engineer a copy of the agreement. The documentation shall also indicate the percentage (60% or 100%) of expenditures claimed for MBE/WBE credit.

#### **Reporting Minority and Women Business Enterprise Participation**

The Contractor shall provide the Engineer with an accounting of payments made to all MBE and WBE firms, including material suppliers and contractors at all levels (prime, subcontractor, or second tier subcontractor). This accounting shall be furnished to the Engineer for any given month by the end of the following month. Failure to submit this information accordingly may result in the following action:

- (A) Withholding of money due in the next partial pay estimate; or
- (B) Removal of an approved contractor from the prequalified bidders' list or the removal of other entities from the approved subcontractors list. (Municipality may add to, change or delete this section.)

While each contractor (prime, subcontractor, 2nd tier subcontractor) is responsible for accurate accounting of payments to MBEs/WBEs, it shall be the prime contractor's responsibility to report all monthly and final payment information in the correct reporting manner.

Failure on the part of the Contractor to submit the required information in the time frame specified may result in the disqualification of that contractor and any affiliate companies from further bidding until the required information is submitted.

Failure on the part of any subcontractor to submit the required information in the time frame specified may result in the disqualification of that contractor and any affiliate companies from being approved for further work on future projects until the required information is submitted.

Contractors reporting transportation services provided by non-MBE/WBE lessees shall evaluate the value of services provided during the month of the reporting period only.

At any time, the Engineer can request written verification of subcontractor payments.

The Contractor shall report the accounting of payments on the Department's DBE-IS (Subcontractor Payment Information) with each invoice. Invoices will not be processed for payment until the DBE-IS is received.

#### **Failure to Meet Contract Requirements**

Failure to meet contract requirements in accordance with Subarticle 102-15(J) of the 2012 Standard Specifications may be cause to disqualify the Contractor from further bidding for a specified length of time.

#### CLAIMS FOR ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION OR EXTENSION OF TIME

Any claims for additional compensation and/or extensions of the completion date shall be submitted to the Division Engineer with detailed justification within thirty (30) days after receipt of the final invoice payment. The failure of the Contractor to submit the claim(s) within thirty days shall be a bar to recovery.

#### TWELVE MONTH GUARANTEE

(7-15-03) SP1G145

- (A) The Contractor shall guarantee materials and workmanship against latent and patent defects arising from faulty materials, faulty workmanship or negligence for a period of twelve months following the date of final acceptance of the work for maintenance and shall replace such defective materials and workmanship without cost to the Department. The Contractor will not be responsible for damage due to faulty design, normal wear and tear, for negligence on the part of the Department, and/or for use in excess of the design.
- (B) Where items of equipment or material carry a manufacturer's guarantee for any period in excess of twelve months, then the manufacturer's guarantee shall apply for that particular piece of equipment or material. The Department's first remedy shall be through the manufacturer although the Contractor is responsible for invoking the warranted repair work with the manufacturer. The Contractor's responsibility shall be limited to the term of the manufacturer's guarantee. NCDOT would be afforded the same warranty as provided by the Manufacturer.

This guarantee provision shall be invoked only for major components of work in which the Contractor would be wholly responsible for under the terms of the contract. Examples would include pavement structures, bridge components, and sign structures. This provision will not be used as a mechanism to force the Contractor to return to the project to make repairs or perform additional work that the Department would normally compensate the Contractor for. In addition, routine maintenance activities (i.e. mowing grass, debris removal, ruts in earth shoulders,) are not parts of this guarantee.

Appropriate provisions of the payment and/or performance bonds shall cover this guarantee for the project.

To ensure uniform application statewide the Division Engineer will forward details regarding the circumstances surrounding any proposed guarantee repairs to the Chief Engineer for review and approval prior to the work being performed.

#### GIFTS FROM VENDORS AND CONTRACTORS

(12-15-09) SP1 G152

By Executive Order 24, issued by Governor Perdue, and *N.C. G.S.*§ 133-32, it is unlawful for any vendor or contractor (i.e. architect, bidder, contractor, construction manager, design professional, engineer, landlord, offeror, seller, subcontractor, supplier, or vendor), to make gifts or to give favors to any State employee of the Governor's Cabinet Agencies (i.e. Administration, Commerce, Correction, Crime Control and Public Safety, Cultural Resources, Environment and Natural Resources, Health and Human Services, Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Revenue, Transportation, and the Office of the Governor). This prohibition covers those vendors and contractors who:

- (1) Have a contract with a governmental agency; or
- (2) Have performed under such a contract within the past year; or
- (3) Anticipate bidding on such a contract in the future.

For additional information regarding the specific requirements and exemptions, vendors and contractors are encouraged to review Executive Order 24 and G.S. § 133-32.

Executive Order 24 also encouraged and invited other State Agencies to implement the requirements and prohibitions of the Executive Order to their agencies. Vendors and contractors should contact other State Agencies to determine if those agencies have adopted Executive Order 24.

#### MATERIAL AND EQUIPMENT STORAGE AND PARKING

When work is not in progress, keep all personnel, equipment, machinery, tools, construction debris and supplies at least 40 ft (12.2 m) within barricades

#### SUPERVISION BY CONTRACTOR

At all times during the life of the project the Contractor shall provide one permanent employee who shall have the authority and capability for overall responsibility of the project and who shall be personally available at the work site within 24 hours notice. Such employee shall be fully authorized to conduct all business with the subcontractors, to negotiate and execute all supplemental agreements, and to execute the orders or directions of the Engineer.

At all times that work is actually being performed, the Contractor shall have present on the project one competent individual who is authorized to act in a supervisory capacity over all work on the project, including work subcontracted. The individual who has been so authorized shall be experienced in the type of work being performed and shall be fully capable of managing, directing, and coordinating the work; of reading and thoroughly understanding the contract; and receiving and carrying out directions from the Engineer or his authorized representatives. He shall be an employee of the Contractor unless otherwise approved by the Engineer.

The Contractor may, at his option, designate one employee to meet the requirements of both positions. However, whenever the designated employee is absent from the work site, an authorized individual qualified to act in a supervisory capacity on the project shall be present.

#### SAFETY AND ACCIDENT PROTECTION

In accordance with Article 107-22 of the Standard Specifications, the Contractor shall comply with all applicable Federal, State, and local laws, ordinances, and regulations governing safety, health, and sanitation, and shall provide all safeguards, safety devices, and protective equipment, and shall take any other needed actions, on his own responsibility that are reasonably necessary to protect the life and health of employees on the job and the safety of the public, and to protect property in connection with the performance of the work covered by the contract.

#### SAFETY VESTS

All Contractors' personnel, all subcontractors and their personnel, and any material suppliers and their personnel shall wear a reflective vest or outer garment conforming to the requirements of MUTCD at all times while on the project.

#### SUBLETTING OF CONTRACT

The Contractor shall not sublet, sell, transfer, assign or otherwise dispose of this contract or any portion thereof; or his right, title, or interest therein; without written consent of the Engineer. Subletting of this contract or any portion of the contract shall conform to the requirements of Article of 108-6 of the Standard Specifications.

#### **DEFAULT OF CONTRACT**

The Department of Transportation shall have the right to declare a default of contract for breach by the Contractor of any material term or condition of the contract. Default of contract shall be in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures of Article 108-9 of the <u>Standard Specifications</u>.

#### PRESERVATION OF PROPERTY

The Contractor shall exercise care to avoid damage to all public and private property and facilities. Any damage to properties, such as, but not limited to, mailboxes, fences, gates, vehicles, driveways, etc. shall immediately be restored to the previously existing condition by the contractor. No payment will be made to the Contractor for such restorative work.

#### TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF WORK

In accordance with Article 108-7 of the <u>Standard Specifications</u>, the Engineer will have the authority to suspend the work wholly or in part, any written order for such periods as he may deem necessary for any of the following reasons.

- A. Conditions considered unfavorable for the suitable prosecution of the work, or
- B. The Contractor's failure for correct conditions unsafe for workmen or the general public, or
- C. The Contractor has not carried out orders given to him by the Engineer, or
- D. The Contractor's failure to perform any provisions of the contract.

No extension of the completion date will be allowed for the above suspensions except as may be provided for in Article 108-10.

#### **COORDINATION WITH OTHERS**

The Contractor shall coordinate with the school personnel for possible conflicts and/or delays with school activities if the project is located within five miles of the school. All work shall be scheduled to minimize interference with all school traffic.

Contractor shall coordinate with local Traffic Services Unit for proposed signal design and placement of all pavement markings.

For signal work, Contractor shall contact <u>Frank West (Deputy Traffic Eng (910) 486-1452</u> 28 day prior to placement.

For pavement marking work, Contractor shall contact <u>Kent Langdon (Assistant Traffic Eng (910) 486-1452</u>), 14 days prior to final placement.

#### COOPERATION BETWEEN CONTRACTORS

The Contractor's attention is directed to Article 105-7 of the Standard Specifications. The Contractor on this project shall cooperate with the Contractor working within or adjacent to the limits of this project to the extent that the work can be carried out to the best advantage of all concerned.

#### **PAYMENT AND RETAINAGE**

The Contractor may submit a request for partial payment on a monthly basis, or other interval as approved by the Engineer. The amount of partial payments will be based on the work accomplished and accepted as the last day of the approved pay period. An amount equal to five percent (5%) of the total amount due on the partial pay estimate will be deducted and retained until after the final inspection. One hundred percent (100%) payment shall be made after successful completion of the work as verified by the final inspection.

The **INVOICE** shall show the quantities of items placed, unit bid price and the total cost as shown in the **SUMMARY OF QUANTITIES** sheet.

Invoices shall be submitted to:

Mr. D.K. Pittman NCDOT P.O. Box 1150 Fayetteville, NC 28302

#### NOTIFICATION OF OPERATIONS

The Contractor shall notify the Engineer one (1) week in advance of beginning work on this project. The Contractor shall give the Engineer sufficient notice of all operations for any sampling, inspection or acceptance testing required.

### **EROSION, SILTATION, AND POLLUTION CONTROL**

The Contractor shall exercise every reasonable precaution and take all necessary measures throughout the life of the project to prevent erosion, siltation, and pollution in accordance with Section 107-13 of the <u>Standard Specifications</u>.

#### INTERPRETATION OF QUANTITIES IN PROPOSAL FORM

The quantities appearing in the proposal form are approximate only and are to be used for establishing a contract amount. Payment to the Contractor will be made only for the actual quantities of the various items that are completed and accepted in accordance with the terms of the contract.

#### DRIVEWAYS AND PRIVATE PROPERTY

The Contractor shall maintain access to driveways for all residents and property owners throughout the life of the project. The Contractor shall not perform work for private citizens or agencies in conjunction with this project or within the project limits of this contract. Any driveway paved by a Contractor, which ties into a NCDOT system road being paved by the Contractor, must be paved either prior to the road paving project or after its completion.

Driveways shall be removed to a sufficient distance to provide for a smooth tie-in to future edge of pavement as directed by the Engineer. Driveways shall be saw cut. This work will be included in lump sum of grading.

#### TRAFFIC SIGNS & MAILBOXES

Permanent traffic signs and mailboxes that interfere with the road construction operations are to be removed during the course of a day's work, and be reinstalled at the conclusion of each work day. The Contractor shall mark the proper location of the signs and mailboxes by placing an offset stake behind the ditch line to ensure proper replacement.

# DAMAGE TO EXISTING PAVEMENT, BASE, SUBGRADE, AND PROPOSED PAVEMENT

In addition to the requirements of the <u>Standard Specifications</u> concerning this subject, the Contractor is cautioned that he will be held responsible for all damages to the pavement, base, and subgrade caused by his operations, including but not limited to, rutting and shoving of the existing or proposed pavement and yielding or rutting of the existing base and subgrade.

The Contractor is cautioned to limit the weight of his equipment and the frequency of hauls so as to not damage the existing pavement, base, subgrade and the proposed pavement.

Any subgrade or base failures which the Contractor finds prior to the beginning of his operations or during the conditioning of the existing base are to be brought to the attention of the Engineer in writing. Repairs to those areas will be made by DOT forces. Once these deficient areas have been repaired, the requirements of this Special Provision will fully apply.

## PLAN, DETAIL, AND QUANTITY ADJUSTMENTS

The Department reserves the right to make, at any time during the progress of the work, such alterations in plans or the details of construction as may be found necessary or desirable by the Engineer to complete the project.

#### **POSTED WEIGHT LIMITS**

The Contractor's attention is directed to the fact that many primary and secondary roads and bridges are posted with weight limits less than the legal limit. The Contractor will not be allowed to exceed the posted weight limits in transporting materials or equipment to the project. The Contractor should make a thorough examination of all maps and haul routes on this project.

#### SUBMITTALS

The Contractor shall submit a Disposal Plan, Dewatering Plan and Borrow Material source within fourteen (14) calendar days prior to construction. All submittals shall be provided to the Engineer in written form.

#### MATERIALS AND TESTING

The Engineer reserves the right to perform all sampling and testing in accordance with Section 106 of the <u>Standard Specifications</u> and the Department's "Materials and Test Manual." However the Engineer may reduce the frequency of sampling and testing where he deems it appropriate for the project under construction.

The Contractor shall furnish the applicable certifications and documentation for all materials as required by the <u>Standard Specifications</u>. Material which is not properly certified will not be accepted.

Delivery tickets for all asphalt material shall be furnished in accordance with Section 106-7 of the <u>Standard Specifications</u> and shall include the following information:

- NC DOT Work Order Number
- 2. Date
- 3. Time issued
- 4. Type of Material
- 5. Gross weight

- 6. Tare Weight
- 7. Net weight of material
- 8. Plant Location
- 9. Truck Number
- 10. Contractor's name
- 11. Public weigh master's stamp or number
- 12. Public weigh master's signature or initials in ink
- 13. Job mix formula number (if for asphalt plant mix)
- 14. Asphalt Plant Certification Number (if for asphalt plant mix)

#### **EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL/STORMWATER CERTIFICATION**

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#### General

Schedule and conduct construction activities in a manner that will minimize soil erosion and the resulting sedimentation and turbidity of surface waters. Comply with the requirements herein regardless of whether or not a National Pollution discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for the work is required.

Establish a chain of responsibility for operations and subcontractors' operations to ensure that the *Erosion and Sediment Control/Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan* is implemented and maintained over the life of the contract.

- (A) Certified Supervisor Provide a certified Erosion and Sediment Control/Stormwater Supervisor to manage the Contractor and subcontractor operations, insure compliance with Federal, State and Local ordinances and regulations, and manage the Quality Control Program.
- (B) Certified Foreman Provide a certified, trained foreman for each construction operation that increases the potential for soil erosion or the possible sedimentation and turbidity of surface waters.
- (C) Certified Installer Provide a certified installer to install or direct the installation for erosion or sediment/stormwater control practices.
- (D) Certified Designer Provide a certified designer for the design of the erosion and sediment control/stormwater component of reclamation plans and, if applicable, for the design of the project erosion and sediment control/stormwater plan.

#### **Roles and Responsibilities**

- (A) Certified Erosion and Sediment Control/Stormwater Supervisor The Certified Supervisor shall be Level II and responsible for ensuring the erosion and sediment control/stormwater plan is adequately implemented and maintained on the project and for conducting the quality control program. The Certified Supervisor shall be on the project within 24 hours' notice from initial exposure of an erodible surface to the project's final acceptance. Perform the following duties:
  - (1) Manage Operations Coordinate and schedule the work of subcontractors so that erosion and sediment control/stormwater measures are fully executed for each operation and in a timely manner over the duration of the contract.
    - (a) Oversee the work of subcontractors so that appropriate erosion and sediment control/stormwater preventive measures are conformed to at each stage of the work.
    - (b) Prepare the required National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Inspection Record and submit to the Engineer.
    - (c) Attend all weekly or monthly construction meetings to discuss the findings of the NPDES inspection and other related issues.
    - (d) Implement the erosion and sediment control/stormwater site plans requested.

- (e) Provide any needed erosion and sediment control/stormwater practices for the Contractor's temporary work not shown on the plans, such as, but not limited to work platforms, temporary construction, pumping operations, plant and storage yards, and cofferdams.
- (f) Acquire applicable permits and comply with requirements for borrow pits, dewatering, and any temporary work conducted by the Contractor in jurisdictional areas.
- (g) Conduct all erosion and sediment control/stormwater work in a timely and workmanlike manner.
- (h) Fully perform and install erosion and sediment control/stormwater work prior to any suspension of the work.
- (i) Coordinate with Department, Federal, State and Local Regulatory agencies on resolution of erosion and sediment control/stormwater issues due to the Contractor's operations.
- (j) Ensure that proper cleanup occurs from vehicle tracking on paved surfaces or any location where sediment leaves the Right-of-Way.
- (k) Have available a set of erosion and sediment control/stormwater plans that are initialed and include the installation date of Best Management Practices. These practices shall include temporary and permanent groundcover and be properly updated to reflect necessary plan and field changes for use and review by Department personnel as well as regulatory agencies.
- (2) Requirements set forth under the NPDES Permit The Department's NPDES Stormwater permit (NCS000250) outlines certain objectives and management measures pertaining to construction activities. The permit references NCG010000, General Permit to Discharge Stormwater under the NPDES, and states that the Department shall incorporate the applicable requirements into its delegated Erosion and Sediment Control Program for construction activities disturbing one or more acres of land. The Department further incorporates these requirements on all contracted bridge and culvert work at jurisdictional waters, regardless of size. Some of the requirements are, but are not limited to:
  - (a) Control project site waste to prevent contamination of surface or ground waters of the state, i.e. from equipment operation/maintenance, construction materials, concrete washout, chemicals, litter, fuels, lubricants, coolants, hydraulic fluids, any other petroleum products, and sanitary waste.
  - (b) Inspect erosion and sediment control/stormwater devices and stormwater discharge outfalls at least once every 7 calendar days, twice weekly for construction related *Federal Clean Water Act, Section 303(d)* impaired streams with turbidity violations, and within 24 hours after a significant rainfall event of 0.5 inch that occurs within a 24 hour period.
  - (c) Maintain an onsite rain gauge or use the Department's Multi-Sensor Precipitation Estimate website to maintain a daily record of rainfall amounts and dates.
  - (d) Maintain erosion and sediment control/stormwater inspection records for review by Department and Regulatory personnel upon request.
  - (e) Implement approved reclamation plans on all borrow pits, waste sites and staging areas.
  - (f) Maintain a log of turbidity test results as outlined in the Department's Procedure for Monitoring Borrow Pit Discharge.
  - (g) Provide secondary containment for bulk storage of liquid materials.
  - (h) Provide training for employees concerning general erosion and sediment control/stormwater awareness, the Department's NPDES Stormwater Permit NCS000250 requirements, and the applicable requirements of the *General Permit, NCG010000*.
  - (i) Report violations of the NPDES permit to the Engineer immediately who will notify the Division of Water Quality Regional Office within 24 hours of becoming aware of the violation.
- (3) Quality Control Program Maintain a quality control program to control erosion, prevent sedimentation and follow provisions/conditions of permits. The quality control program shall:
  - (a) Follow permit requirements related to the Contractor and subcontractors' construction activities.
  - (b) Ensure that all operators and subcontractors on site have the proper erosion and sediment control/stormwater certification.
  - (c) Notify the Engineer when the required certified erosion and sediment control/stormwater personnel are not available on the job site when needed.
  - (d) Conduct the inspections required by the NPDES permit.
  - (e) Take corrective actions in the proper timeframe as required by the NPDES permit for problem areas identified during the NPDES inspections.
  - (f) Incorporate erosion control into the work in a timely manner and stabilize disturbed areas with mulch/seed or vegetative cover on a section-by-section basis.

- (g) Use flocculants approved by state regulatory authorities where appropriate and where required for turbidity and sedimentation reduction.
- (h) Ensure proper installation and maintenance of temporary erosion and sediment control devices.
- (i) Remove temporary erosion or sediment control devices when they are no longer necessary as agreed upon by the Engineer.
- (j) The Contractor's quality control and inspection procedures shall be subject to review by the Engineer. Maintain NPDES inspection records and make records available at all times for verification by the Engineer.
- (B) Certified Foreman At least one Certified Foreman shall be onsite for each type of work listed herein during the respective construction activities to control erosion, prevent sedimentation and follow permit provisions:
  - (1) Foreman in charge of grading activities
  - (2) Foreman in charge of bridge or culvert construction over jurisdictional areas
  - (3) Foreman in charge of utility activities

The Contractor may request to use the same person as the Level II Supervisor and Level II Foreman. This person shall be onsite whenever construction activities as described above are taking place. This request shall be approved by the Engineer prior to work beginning.

The Contractor may request to name a single Level II Foreman to oversee multiple construction activities on small bridge or culvert replacement projects. This request shall be approved by the Engineer prior to work beginning.

- (C) Certified Installers Provide at least one onsite, Level I Certified Installer for each of the following erosion and sediment control/stormwater crew:
  - (1) Seeding and Mulching
  - (2) Temporary Seeding
  - (3) Temporary Mulching
  - (4) Sodding
  - (5) Silt fence or other perimeter erosion/sediment control device installations
  - (6) Erosion control blanket installation
  - (7) Hydraulic tackifier installation
  - (8) Turbidity curtain installation
  - (9) Rock ditch check/sediment dam installation
  - (10) Ditch liner/matting installation
  - (11) Inlet protection
  - (12) Riprap placement
  - (13) Stormwater BMP installations (such as but not limited to level spreaders, retention/detention devices)
  - (14) Pipe installations within jurisdictional areas

If a Level I Certified Installer is not onsite, the Contractor may substitute a Level II Foreman for a Level I Installer, provided the Level II Foreman is not tasked to another crew requiring Level II Foreman oversight.

(D) Certified Designer – Include the certification number of the Level III-B Certified Designer on the erosion and sediment control/stormwater component of all reclamation plans and if applicable, the certification number of the Level III-A Certified Designer on the design of the project erosion and sediment control/stormwater plan.

### **Preconstruction Meeting**

Furnish the names of the Certified Erosion and Sediment Control/Stormwater Supervisor, Certified Foremen, Certified Installers and Certified Designer and notify the Engineer of changes in certified personnel over the life of the contract within 2 days of change.

#### **Ethical Responsibility**

Any company performing work for the North Carolina Department of Transportation has the ethical responsibility to fully disclose any reprimand or dismissal of an employee resulting from improper testing or falsification of records.

#### **Revocation or Suspension of Certification**

Upon recommendation of the Chief Engineer – Operations to the certification entity, certification for Supervisor, Certified Foremen, Certified Installers and Certified Designer may be revoked or suspended with the issuance of an Immediate Corrective Action (ICA), Notice of Violation (NOV), or Cease and Desist Order for erosion and sediment control/stormwater related issues.

The Chief Engineer may recommend suspension or permanent revocation of certification due to the following:

- (A) Failure to adequately perform the duties as defined within this certification provision.
- (B) Issuance of an ICA, NOV, or Cease and Desist Order.
- (C) Failure to fully perform environmental commitments as detailed within the permit conditions and specifications.
- (D) Demonstration of erroneous documentation or reporting techniques.
- (E) Cheating or copying another candidate's work on an examination.
- (F) Intentional falsification of records.
- (G) Directing a subordinate under direct or indirect supervision to perform any of the above actions.
- (H) Dismissal from a company for any of the above reasons.
- (I) Suspension or revocation of one's certification by another entity.

Suspension or revocation of a certification will be sent by certified mail to the certificant and the Corporate Head of the company that employs the certificant.

A certificant has the right to appeal any adverse action which results in suspension or permanent revocation of certification by responding, in writing, to the Chief Engineer within 10 calendar days after receiving notice of the proposed adverse action.

Chief Engineer – Operations 1537 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699-1537

Failure to appeal within 10 calendar days will result in the proposed adverse action becoming effective on the date specified on the certified notice. Failure to appeal within the time specified will result in a waiver of all future appeal rights regarding the adverse action taken. The certificant will not be allowed to perform duties associated with the certification during the appeal process.

The Chief Engineer will hear the appeal and make a decision within 7 days of hearing the appeal. Decision of the Chief Engineer will be final and will be made in writing to the certificant.

If a certification is temporarily suspended, the certificant shall pass any applicable written examination and any proficiency examination, at the conclusion of the specified suspension period, prior to having the certification reinstated.

#### **Measurement and Payment**

Certified Erosion and Sediment Control/Stormwater Supervisor, Certified Foremen, Certified Installers and Certified Designer will be incidental to the project for which no direct compensation will be made.

#### SUBSURFACE INFORMATION

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There is **no** subsurface information available on this project. The Contractor shall make his own investigation of subsurface conditions.

#### PRECONSTRUCTION CONFERENCE

In accordance with Section 108-3 of the Standard Specifications, a preconstruction conference will be required prior to beginning work.

#### TRAFFIC CONTROL AND WORK ZONE SAFETY

Please note that Traffic Control (detours) will be provided by NCDOT. It is the responsibility of the contractor to inspect on-site barricades and to repair or notify the engineer if repairs need to be made. Furthermore, the contractor shall ensure that the work area is clearly barricaded at the end of each workday. The contractor must notify the Bridge Maintenance Engineer 2 weeks (14 calendar days) prior to beginning work so that NCDOT traffic services can fabricate and install the proper detour signs and barricades.

All personnel when working in traffic areas or areas in close proximity to traffic shall wear an approved safety vest, or shirt or jacket which meets the color requirements of the <u>Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices</u> (MUTCD).

The Contractor shall comply with all applicable Federal, State, and local laws, ordinances, and regulations governing safety, health, and sanitation, and shall provide all safeguards, safety devices, and protective equipment, and shall take any other needed actions, on his own responsibility that are reasonably necessary to protect the life and health of employees on the job and the safety of the public, and to protect property in connection with the performance of the work covered by the contract.

Failure to comply with any of the requirements for safety and traffic control of this contract shall result in suspension of work as provided in sub article 108-7(2) of the <u>Standard Specifications</u>.

No direct payment shall be made for traffic control and work zone safety items, as they shall be considered incidental to other contract items.

# **DIVISION CONTRACT**PROJECT SPECIAL PROVISIONS

#### STOCKPILE AREAS

The Contractor shall install and maintain erosion control devices sufficient to contain sediment around any erodible material stockpile areas as directed by the Engineer.

#### **MOBILIZATION**

Mobilization shall be compensated as allowed in accordance with Article 800-2 of the Standard Specifications.

Basis of payment for "Mobilization" shall be the contract unit price per each.

#### COMPREHENSIVE GRADING

The Contractor is to grade this project to the typical sections and details shown. Grading shall be comprehensive grading as defined in Section 226 of the <u>Standard Specifications</u>, and shall include excavation for removal of existing pipes and end walls; excavation for the new end wall and pipe construction; compacting roadway embankment section in conformance with Section 235 of the <u>Standard Specifications</u>, and grading / reshaping of shoulders and ditches.

No earth material may be wasted or removed from the project unless deemed as unsuitable by the Engineer. Material may be stored on the existing roadway provided that adequate clearance is allowed.

The Contractor shall shape, compact, and grade the embankment, ditches, and shoulders to the lines, grades, and typical sections established by the plans or as directed by the Engineer. The contractor is advised to make a detailed investigation of the original state of such features prior to commencing operations.

The contractor may utilize whatever methods deemed most efficient for the project provided that the work methods comply with all applicable Federal, State, and local laws, ordinances, and regulations governing safety, health, and

sanitation and that the contractor will maintain slopes of 1.5:1 or flatter in the course of excavating the existing embankment. The contractor shall provide all safeguards, safety devices, and protective equipment, and shall take any other needed actions, on his own responsibility that are reasonably necessary to protect property in connection with the performance of the work covered by the contract.

Basis of payment for "Grading" shall be the contract unit price per each.

#### **BORROW**

The work covered by this item consists of the furnishing and excavation of an approved material from a contractor supplied location for use as a backfill material. Payment will be on cubic yard basis by truck measurement. The quantity of borrow excavation to be paid will be the actual number of cubic yards of approved material, measured in trucks, which has been excavated from the borrow source and incorporated into the completed and accepted work. The recorded capacity of any truck used to transport the material will be adjusted by making a 25% deduction to allow for shrinkage and the adjusted capacity will be the quantity paid for. Contractor furnished borrow and waste sites shall comply with section 230 of the <u>Standard Specifications</u>. A copy of the borrow source permit shall be provided to the inspector prior to hauling any materials.

Basis of payment for "Borrow Excavation" shall be the unit bid price per cubic yard.

#### AGGREGATE BASE COURSE

The Contractor shall furnish and place aggregate base course in accordance with the provisions of Section 520 of the <u>Standard Specifications</u>. The base shall be compacted to a density equal to that obtained by compacting a sample of the material in accordance with AASHTO T180 as modified by the Department. The Contractor shall dry or add moisture to the material when required to provide a uniformly compacted and acceptable base. When completed, the base course shall be smooth, hard, dense, unyielding, and well bonded.

Payment will be made under the item "Aggregate Base Course" and shall include, but not be limited to, furnishing aggregate and water, mixing, hauling, spreading materials, compacting, shaping, and maintaining the base course.

Basis of payment for "Aggregate Base Course" shall be the unit bid price per ton.

#### FOUNDATION CONDITIONING MATERIAL / PIPE BACKFILL

No measurements will be made for undercut excavation, and the material used for conditioning the foundation will be classified as foundation conditioning material, Class VI Select Material in accordance with Section 1016-3 of the <u>Standard Specifications</u>. The quantity of foundation conditioning material to be paid for will be the actual number of tons of this material, weighed in trucks on certified platform scales or other certified weighing devices, which have been used to replace pipe undercut excavation. Material shall be used as a base for the structure and backfill for the excavation.

Payment will be full compensation for all work of foundation conditioning including all pipe undercut excavation, furnishing and placing foundation conditioning material, shaping the pipe foundation, and hauling and disposing of materials.

The contractor shall be responsible for backfilling in accordance with Division 3 of the <u>Standard Specifications</u>, and as directed by the Engineer. Backfill material shall be #57 stone placed one (1) foot below the streambed to approximately two (2) foot above the top of the pipe. An NCDOT approved soil engineering fabric shall be required on top of the #57 stone prior to placing the Aggregate Base Course. The contractor shall thoroughly and carefully backfill the pipe in accordance with plans.

Basis of payment for "Foundation Conditioning Material" shall be the contract unit bid price per ton.

#### PIPE REMOVAL

All existing corrugated metal pipe and associated headwalls shall be removed. All pipe removal will be considered waste material. It shall be the responsibility of the Contractor to dispose of waste to an approved construction landfill site or other waste disposal site provided by the contractor. A copy of the waste site permit shall be provided to the inspector prior to hauling off any materials.

Payment will be for all labor, material, equipment, removing, hauling, and disposal of removed pipe

Basis of payment for "Pipe Removal" shall be the contract unit bid price per linear foot.

#### **PAVING**

The production, delivery, placement, and compaction of all bituminous material shall be in accordance with Section 610 of the <u>Standard Specifications</u>. A currently approved North Carolina Department of Transportation job mix formula shall be used for all bituminous construction.

The air temperature 48 continuous hours prior to paving must be above 32 degrees Fahrenheit. Air temperature at the time of paving shall be in accordance with Subarticle 610-4 of the Standard Specifications.

The Contractor shall compact the bituminous material on this project in accordance with Subarticle 610-9 of the <u>Standard Specifications</u> and the following provision:

Compact all final wearing surfaces using a minimum of two (2) steel wheel rollers, unless otherwise approved. Pneumatic-tired rollers with 2 tandem axles and smooth tread tires may be used for intermediate rolling

Pavement shall not be placed until the base has been approved by the Engineer or his representative. A North Carolina Department of Transportation inspector shall be present during the placement of bituminous material.

The Contractor shall use a stringline or other approved method to establish a uniform consistent line to locate the edge of pavement. It shall be the Contractor's responsibility to place such line, but it shall meet the approval of the Engineer or his representative.

A smooth joint shall be provided at paved driveways. The Contractor shall exercise caution when operating equipment at paved residential drives in order to avoid pavement damage. An apron or turnout will be required at unpaved driveways.

The open cut shall require full depth patching with three (3) inches of Asphalt Concrete Intermediate Course, Type I19.0B, and an overlay of one and one-half (1.5) inches of Asphalt Concrete Surface Course, Type SF9.5A. The surface course shall extend one-hundred (100) feet beyond the open cut on both sides for an approximate length of two-hundred fifty (250) feet.

Basis of payment for "Paving" will be the contract unit price for Asphalt Concrete Intermediate Course, Type I19.0B and Asphalt Concrete Surface Course, Type SF9.5A per ton.

#### ASPHALT BINDER FOR PLANT MIX

The work covered by this section shall be in accordance with Section 620 of the <u>Standard Specifications</u>, including but not limited to furnishing of asphalt binder, with anti-strip additive when required, at an asphalt plant and incorporating the asphalt binder and anti-strip additive into the asphalt plant mix.

Asphalt Binder for Plant Mix, Grade PG 64-22, will be measured and paid for as the theoretical number of tons of the grade of asphalt binder required by the applicable job mix formula based on the actual number of tons of plant mix completed and accepted on the job. Such price and payment will be full compensation for all work covered by this section. There will be no direct payment for anti-strip additive.

Adjustments will be made to the payments due the Contractor for each grade of asphalt binder when it has been determined that the monthly average terminal F.O.B. Selling Price of asphalt binder, Grade PG 64-22, has fluctuated from the Base Price Index for Asphalt Binder included in the contract. The methods for calculating a base price index, for calculating the monthly average terminal F.O.B. selling price and for determining the terminals used are in accordance with procedures on file with the Department's Construction Unit. The Base Price Index for this contract will be the February 1, 2012 Average at \$615.00 per ton.

When it is determined that the monthly selling price of asphalt binder on the first business day of the calendar month during that the last day of the partial payment period occurs varies either upward of downward from the base price index, the contract unit price for asphalt binder for plant mix will be adjusted. The adjusted contract unit price will be determined by adding the difference between the selling price and the base price index to the contract unit bid price for asphalt binder. If the selling price is less than the base price index, the adjusted contract unit price will be determined by subtracting the difference between the selling price and the base price index from the contract unit price for asphalt binder. The adjusted contract unit price will then be applied to the total theoretical quantity of asphalt binder authorized for use in the plant mix placed during the partial payment period involved, including both additional new asphalt binder and salvaged asphalt binder from reclaimed asphalt materials required by the job mix formula.

Adjusted contract unit prices for all grades of asphalt binder, including additional asphalt binder materials in recycled mixtures, will be based on the average selling price and base price index for asphalt binder, Grade PG 64-22, regardless of the actual grade required by the job mix formula.

In determining the adjusted contract unit price for any material specified in this provision the following formula will be used:

A = B + (D - C)
Where A = Adjusted Contract Unit Price
B = Contract Unit Price
C = Base Price Index
D = Monthly Average Terminal F.O.B. Selling Price

In the event the Department is unable to secure an F.O.B. selling price from at least four terminals in a given month, payment will be at the contract unit price for each ton of asphalt binder used in the work during that month.

Basis of payment for "Asphalt Binder" will be the contract unit price per ton.

### PIPE AND HEADWALL (ASSEMBLE AND INSTALL)

Purchasing, assembling and placing the new structure will be the responsibility of the contractor. The manufacturer's representative, with at least two (2) years of experience in the installation of this type of structure, will be required to be onsite during assembly, placement and backfilling of the structure. The Contractor's responsibility shall be to excavate the streambed for placement of the toe wall of both headwalls. When possible pipes will be assembled on the roadbed or other suitable areas, and then placed.

The pipe is required to be buried one foot below the streambed, unless specified otherwise. The Department will provide invert pipe elevations (see "Pipe Information"). The contractor will then be responsible for backfilling in accordance with the NCDOT <u>Standard Specifications</u>, and as directed by the Engineer. Backfill material shall be #57 stone from one foot below the streambed to two foot above the top and beyond the sides of the pipe. All #57 stone backfill materials shall be encapsulated with engineering fabric. Provide engineering fabric meeting the requirements of Article 1056-2 of the <u>Standard Specifications</u> for any type of engineering fabric. In addition to the engineering fabric the Contractor will be required to place one layer of geogrid (TX170 or equivalent) approximately 6" above and below the structure from headwall to headwall. All engineering fabric and geogrid will be considered incidental to "Pipe and Headwall (include assemble and install Contractor supplied pipe)" line items.

The Contractor shall thoroughly and carefully backfill the pipe in accordance with the pipe assembly plans. Backfilled areas shall be graded and maintained in such a condition that erosion or saturation will not erode or damage the pipe foundation or backfill. Heavy equipment shall not be operated over the pipe until it has been properly backfilled and minimum cover as shown on the plans or as approved by the Engineer has been placed over the pipe.

All material shall be inspected and approved by the Engineer after delivery to the project and prior to installation.

Basis of payment for "Pipe and Headwall (Assemble and Install Contractor Supplied Pipe)" will be the contract unit price per each.

#### **DEWATERING**

All sites shall require dewatering. The preferred method for dewatering will be bypass pumping. Materials used in impervious dikes include but are not limited to steel sheet piles, Aqua Barriers, etc. This will include all material, labor and equipment needed to satisfy the OSHA safety standards and also to satisfy the guidelines of the attached environmental permits. A copy of the environmental permits shall be onsite during construction activities. Any violation of the permits could result in fines. The Contractor's work shall be halted if the turbidity reaches in excess of 50 NTU's. The Contractor shall not resume work until corrections are made.

Included in this contract is a typical section for bypass pumping. The guidelines to be used for this activity can be found in the Best Management Practices for Construction and Maintenance Activities which are available as a down load on our web site. The link can be found at <a href="http://www.ncdot.org/doh/operations/BMP">http://www.ncdot.org/doh/operations/BMP</a> manual/.

The Contractor shall furnish an Erosion Control Plan for each site, prior to beginning any work, for approval by our Roadside Environmental Specialist. The plan shall include the Level III Certification number of the designer.

Basis of payment for "Dewatering" will be the contract unit price per each.

#### **UTILITY RELOCATIONS**

It shall be the responsibility of the Contractor to contact all affected utility owners and determine the precise locations of all utilities prior to beginning construction. Utility owners shall be contacted a minimum of 72 hours prior to the commencement of operations. Special care shall be used in working around or near existing utilities, protecting them when necessary to provide uninterrupted service. In the event that any utility service is interrupted, the Contractor shall notify the utility owner immediately and shall cooperate with the owner, or his representative, in the restoration of service in the shortest time possible. Existing fire hydrants shall be kept accessible to fire departments at all times.

Compensation for the "Utility Relocation" Line Item will be based on when the contractor is required to compensate the utility owner for relocation expenses due to existing encroachment agreements. All utility coordination (relocating phone, television, etc.) will be considered incidental to the contract.

The Contractor shall make a reasonable effort to prevent utility relocations. The Engineer shall be notified for approval prior to any utility relocation. The Utility Relocation Line Item will be paid per each utility (i.e., water, sewer, gas, etc.) relocated at each site.

Basis of payment for "Utility Relocations" will be the contract unit price per each.

#### TEMPORARY SILT FENCE

Temporary silt fence for erosion control shall be installed as directed by the Engineer. Temporary silt fence shall be installed in accordance with Section 1605 of the Standard Specifications.

Payment of this item will be to furnish all materials including posts, wire, fabrics and fasteners; and to construct, maintain, and remove temporary silt fence.

Basis of payment for "Temporary Silt Fence" shall be the contract unit bid price per linear foot.

#### **EROSION CONTROL STONE**

The work covered under this section shall be in accordance with Division 8 and Division 16 of the <u>Standard Specifications</u> and the following provision(s):

The work includes but is not limited to furnishing, weighing, stock piling, placing and maintaining stone; and disposal of any stone not incorporated into the project when necessary.

Stone shall be used as slope protection, or as directed by the Engineer.

The type of stone to be used shall be "Stone for Erosion Control, Class B" unless otherwise directed by the Engineer.

Basis of payment for "Stone for Erosion Control, Class B" shall be the contract unit bid price per ton.

#### **WATTLES**

Wattles are tubular products consisting of excelsior fibers encased in synthetic netting. Wattles are used on slopes or channels to intercept runoff and act as a velocity break. Wattles are to be placed at locations shown on the plans or as directed. Installation shall follow the detail provided in the plans and as directed. Work includes furnishing materials, installation of wattles, matting installation, PAM application, and removing wattles.

#### **Materials**

#### Wattle shall meet the following specifications:

100% Curled Wood(Excelsior) Fibers
Minimum Diameter 12 in.

Minimum Density 2.5 lb/ft<sup>3</sup> +/- 10%

Net Material Synthetic
Net Openings 1 in. x 1 in.
Net Configuration Totally Encased

Minimum Weight 20 lb. +/- 10% per 10 ft. length

Anchors: Stakes shall be used as anchors.

#### Wooden Stakes:

Provide hardwood stakes a minimum of 2-ft. long with a 2 in. x 2 in. nominal square cross section. One end of the stake must be sharpened or beveled to facilitate driving down into the underlying soil.

Matting shall meet the requirements of section 1060-8 of the *Standard Specifications*, or shall meet specifications provided elsewhere in this contract.

Provide staples made of 0.125" diameter new steel wire formed into a *u* shape not less than 12" in length with a throat of 1" in width.

#### **Construction Methods**

Wattles shall be secured to the soil by wire staples approximately every 1 linear foot and at the end of each section of wattle. A minimum of 4 stakes shall be installed on the downstream side of the wattle with a maximum spacing of 2 linear feet along the wattle, and according to the detail. Install a minimum of 2 stakes on the upstream side of the wattle according to the detail provided in the plans. Stakes shall be driven into the ground a minimum of 10 in. with no more than 2 in. projecting from the top of the wattle. Drive stakes at an angle according to the detail provided in the plans. Only install wattle(s) to a height in ditch so flow will not wash around wattle and scour ditch slopes and according to the detail provided in the plans and as directed. Overlap adjoining sections of wattles a minimum of 6 in.

Installation of matting shall be in accordance with the detail provided in the plans, and in accordance with section 1631-3(B) of the *Standard Specifications*, or in accordance with specifications provided elsewhere in this contract.

The Contractor shall maintain the wattles until the project is accepted or until the wattles are removed, and shall remove and dispose of silt accumulations at the wattles when so directed in accordance with the requirements of Section 1630 of the <u>Standard Specifications</u>.

#### **Measurement and Payment**

Wattles will be measured and paid for by the actual number of linear feet of wattles which are installed and accepted. Such price and payment will be full compensation for all work covered by this section, including, but not limited to, furnishing all materials, labor, equipment and incidentals necessary to install the Wattles.

Matting will be measured and paid for in accordance with section 1631-4 of the <u>Standard Specifications</u>, or in accordance with specifications provided elsewhere in this contract.

Basis of payment for "Wattle" will be the contract unit price per linear foot.

Basis of payment for "Matting" will be the contract unit price per square yard.

### STABILIZATION REQUIREMENTS

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Stabilization for this project shall comply with the time frame guidelines as specified by the NCG-010000 general construction permit effective August 3, 2011 issued by the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources Division of Water Quality. Temporary or permanent ground cover stabilization shall occur within 7 calendar days from the last land-disturbing activity, with the following exceptions in which temporary or permanent ground cover shall be provided in 14 calendar days from the last land-disturbing activity:

- Slopes between 2:1 and 3:1, with a slope length of 10 ft. or less
- Slopes 3:1 or flatter, with a slope of length of 50 ft. or less
- Slopes 4:1 or flatter

The stabilization timeframe for High Quality Water (HQW) Zones shall be 7 calendar days with no exceptions for slope grades or lengths. High Quality Water Zones (HQW) Zones are defined by North Carolina Administrative Code 15A NCAC 04A.0105 (25). Temporary and permanent ground cover stabilization shall be achieved in accordance with the provisions in this contract and as directed.

#### SEEDING AND MULCHING

All disturbed areas shall be dressed in typical sections and plowed to a depth of five (5) inches. The top two (2) inches shall be pulverized to provide a uniform seedbed. Lime should be applied before plowing operation.

Lime, seed and fertilizer shall be applied with the necessary equipment to give uniform distribution of these materials. The hand/bucket method is not acceptable.

All areas to be seeded and mulched shall be approved by the Engineer prior to preparing the seedbed. Work shall be in accordance with Section 1660 of the <u>Standard Specifications</u>. The following rates per acre shall apply:

March 1 – August 31		September 1 – February 28			
Tall Fescue	50	pounds	Tall Fescue	50	pounds
Centipede	10	pounds	Centipede	10	pounds
Bermuda grass (hulled)	25	pounds	Bermuda grass (unhulled)	35	pounds

Fertilizer10-20-20	500	pounds	Fertilizer10-20-20	500	pounds
Limestone	4000	pounds	Limestone	4000	pounds

#### Notes:

- 1. Fifty (50) pounds of Bahiagrass may be substituted for either Centipede or Bermudagrass, but only with Engineer's approval.
- 2. On cut and fill slopes 2:1 or steeper, Centipede shall be applied at the rate of 5 pounds per acre and add 20 pounds of Sericea Lespedeza from January 1 December 31.

The seeded area shall be cultipacked to provide a firm seedbed and cover seed. Grain straw shall be applied over seeded areas as a mulch. No bare ground shall be visible when riding by a mulched area if proper application is achieved. Thick clumps of straw are not permissible as a uniform coverage is expected. Hydroseeding, however, will be considered an acceptable means of seeding and mulching. Seeding shall be done as work progresses. All disturbed areas shall be seeded in accordance with the Stabilization Requirements as mentioned above, unless otherwise directed by the Engineer. All work shall be accepted and approved by the Engineer prior to beginning construction at the next site.

#### **CRIMPING STRAW MULCH**

Crimping shall be required on this project adjacent to any section of roadway where traffic is to be maintained or allowed during construction. In areas within six feet of the edge of pavement, straw is to be applied and then crimped. After the crimping operation is complete, an additional application of straw shall be applied and immediately tacked with a sufficient amount of undiluted emulsified asphalt.

Straw mulch shall be of sufficient length and quality to withstand the crimping operation.

Crimping equipment including power source shall be subject to the approval of the Engineer providing that maximum spacing of crimper blades shall not exceed 8".

Basis of payment for "Seeding and Mulching" will be the contract unit price per acre.

#### GENERAL ALUMINUM STRUCTURE REQUIREMENTS

All items are incidental to Pipe and Headwalls (Assemble and Install)

- 1. ALL MATERIALS SHALL MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS FOR ROADS AND STRUCTURES, LATEST EDITION.
- 2. Pipe material shall either be made of aluminum alloy or reinforced concrete and in dimensions per the standard specifications and hydraulic recommendations.
- 3. Poor quality of workmanship of any materials supplied will constitute grounds for the structure being rejected.
- 4. Manufacturer's representative, with at least two (2) years of experience in the installation of the type of structure, is required to provide technical assistance with the assembly of structure and headwalls as well as being on site during the installation and backfilling of pipe with headwalls through completion.
- 5. Detailed shop drawings and design calculations shall be submitted for acceptance. The supplier shall provide a design that meets the requirements of AASHTO and is sealed by a NC registered Professional Engineer.
- 6. Use arch shaped structures when possible in the vicinity of dwellings to lower the stormwater elevation.
- 7. Headwall locations shall be at or beyond the shoulder point.
- 8. Headwalls will be required on the inlet and outlet of all pipes.
- 9. All headwalls shall be parallel to the roadway.

- 10. Bottom of headwall elevation shall be 1' below invert.
- 11. Headwall invert elevations shall be 1' below streambed.
- 12. Headwall foundation shall be undercut and backfilled with #57 stone 1' below bottom of headwall elevation.
- 13. Wing walls shall be required if ditches are adjacent to the structure.
- 14. An NCDOT approved soil engineering fabric shall be required on top of the #57 stone prior to backfilling of the roadbed.
- 15. Pipe is to be fully welded inside and out to headwalls using two root welds and two finish welds on either side of the wall. All finish welds are to be ground to a smooth finish.
- 16. Headwall and pipe are to be reinforced per AASHTO specifications and structural engineer's requirements.
- 17. All hardware including nuts, bolts, washers, rods, etc. shall be hot dipped galvanized.
- 18. A 2' wide band and a continuous 3/8" thick x 2' wide flat gasket made of closed cell neoprene rubber which upon assembly provides a watertight seal at each joint will be required.
- 19. All holes or tears in the pipe must be repaired prior to backfilling.
- 20. Pipe bed will be undercut and backfilled with #57 stone 1' below pipe invert elevations.
- 21. Backfill material shall be #57 stone from 1' below streambed elevation to 1' above the top and sides.
- 22. SUPPLIER TO INCLUDE ALL NECESSARY WALE BEAMS, HEADWALL CAP, CONTINUOUS FLAT GASKETS AND GALVANIZED STEEL TIEBACK RODS WITH DMA PLATES AND ADJUSTABLE HOT DIP GALVANIZED TURNBUCKLES.
- 23. Material Quality and Workmanship
  - a. The applicant will be required to supply materials that meet or exceed current NCDOT specifications.
  - b. Pipe is to be fully welded inside and out to headwalls using two root welds and two finish welds on either side of the wall. All finish welds are to be ground to a smooth finish.
  - c. Headwall and pipe are to be reinforced per AASHTO specifications and structural engineer's requirements.
  - d. All hardware including nuts, bolts, washers, rods, etc. shall be hot dipped galvanized.
  - e. The continuous flat gasket shall be 3/8" thick x 2' wide and made of closed cell neoprene rubber which upon assembly provides a watertight seal.
  - f. Pipe sections and bands shall be assembled and alphanumerically / alignment match-marked at the plant site before shipping to verify fit.
  - g. Bands shall be installed onto the pipe sections prior to shipping.
  - h. Pipe manufacturer must provide certification of the measured dimensions of the pipe, bands and the continuous flat gaskets. Certification must state that the bands and the gaskets have been pre-fitted and will securely tighten around the supplied pipe. Certification of the dimensions must be signed by the manufacture's representative and dated.

i.	EXAMPLE: Supplied pipe measures inches in diameter. Supplied bands
	and the continuous flat gaskets measure inches in length and will securely
	fasten pipe sections, without field modification.
ii.	Signature
iii	Date:

i. Poor quality of workmanship of any materials supplied will constitute grounds for the material being rejected.

#### 24. Job Site Installation Assistance

a. Manufacture's representative, with at least two (2) years of experience in the installation of this type of structure, is required to assist with the assembly of structure and headwalls as well as being on-site during the installation and backfilling of pipe with headwalls through completion.

#### 25. Final Design Plans

a. Within 14 days after award, the bidder shall submit to the Division Bridge Maintenance Engineer for approval, a NC licensed professional engineer detailed drawing, stamp, and wall calculations provided by an independent engineering firm.

### **DIVISION 6 PIPE AND HEADWALL VENDORS**

#### CONTECH

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Contact: Rahn Sutton

#### LANE ENTERPRISES, INC.

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Contact: Paul Vaughn

#### POMONA PIPE, INC.

Phone Number: (336) 255-2655

Contact: Donny Joyce

# **BMPs FOR CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES** TOP OF BANK SUCTION HOSE - FLOW-IMPERVIOUS DIKE DISCHARGE HOSE - WORK AREA MANAGING THE WATERCOURSE: **BYPASS PUMPING** -PROJECT -FLOW-IMPERVIOUS DIKE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AUGUST 2003 NOTE: ENSURE TO ANCHOR ALL PUMPS AND PIPES SECURELY. **ENERGY DISSIPATION DEWATERING DEVICE** -FLOW 37

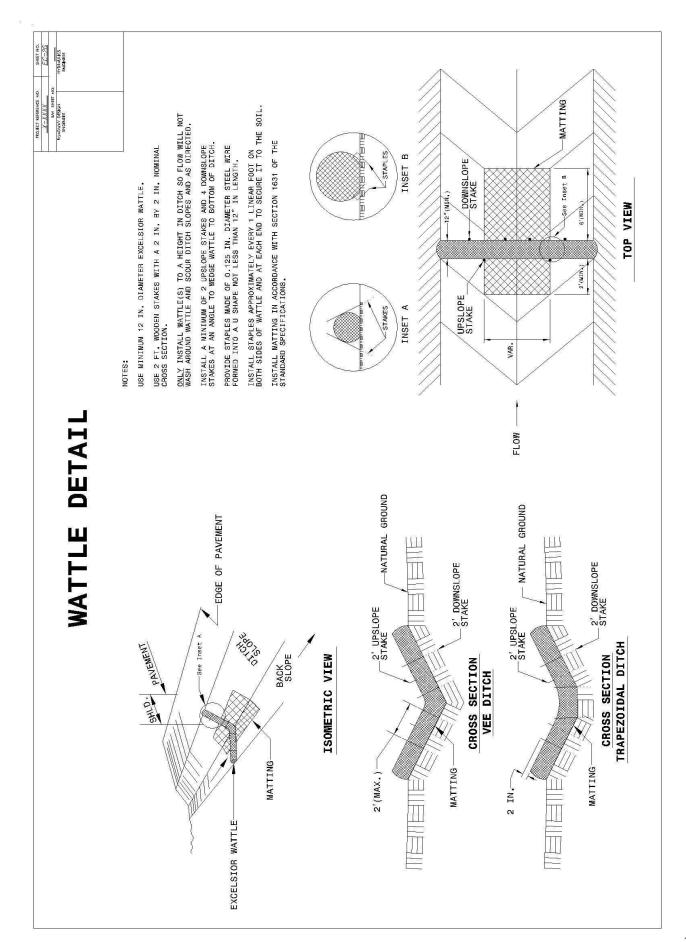
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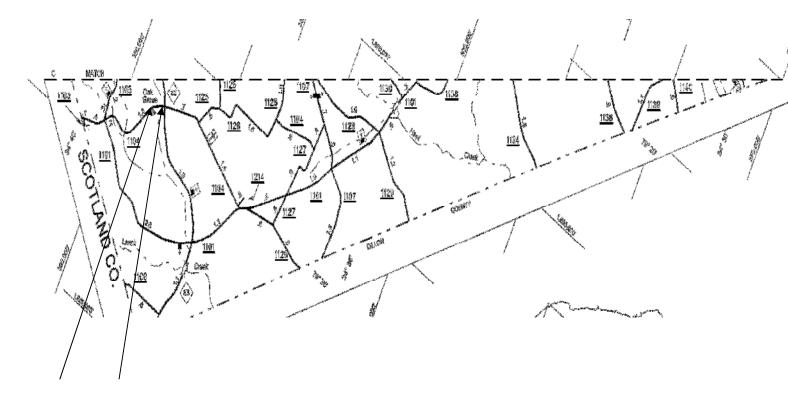
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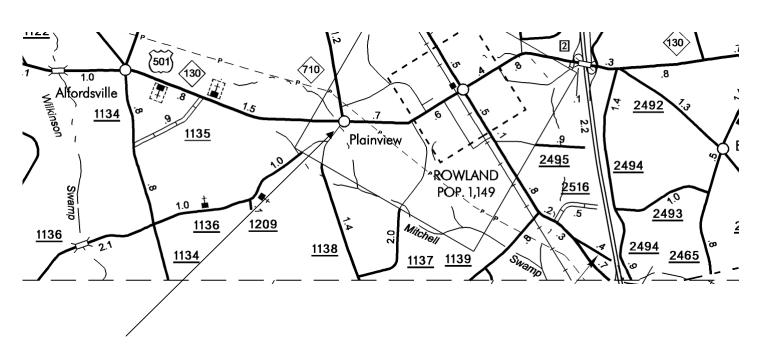
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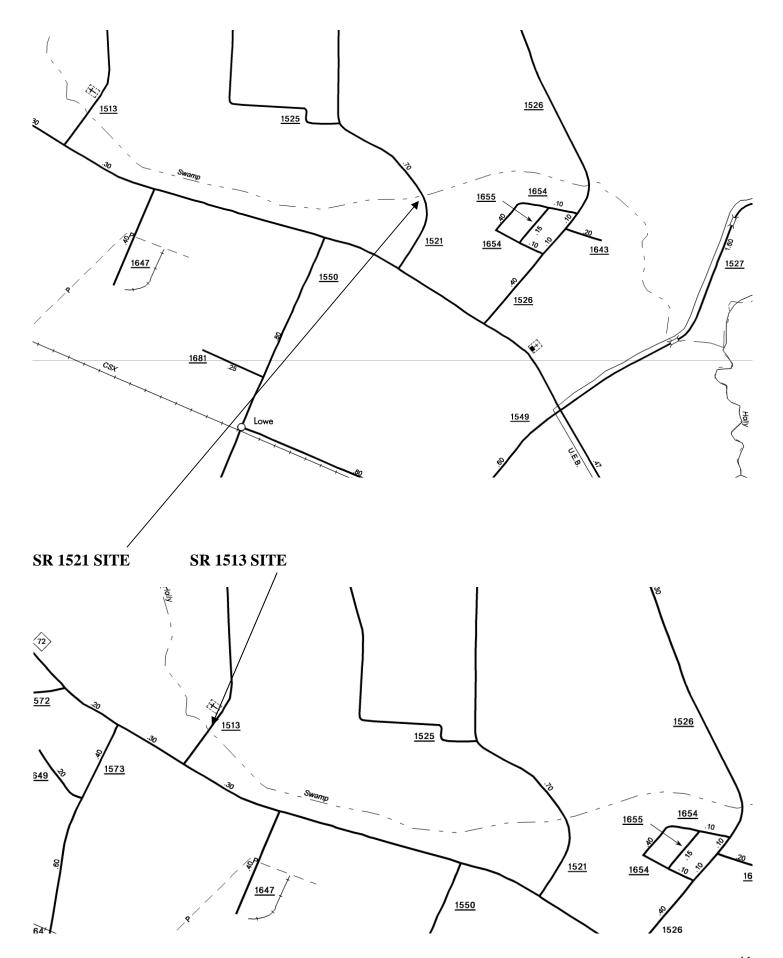


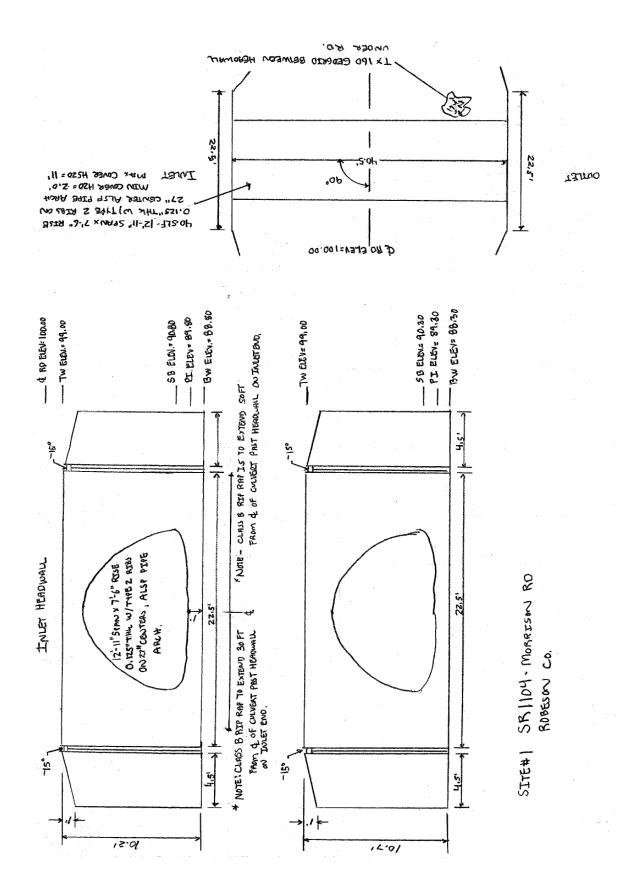


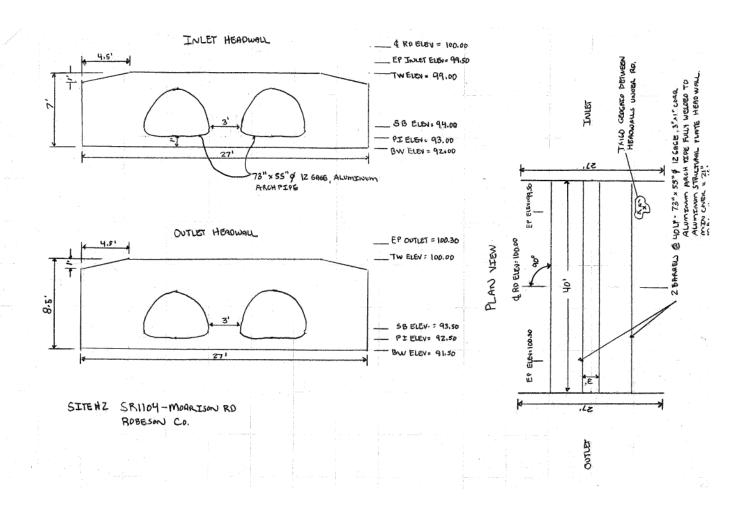
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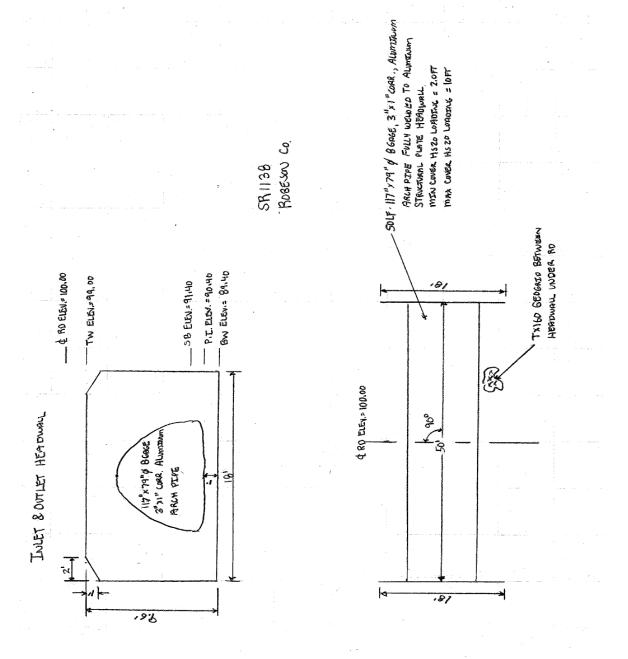


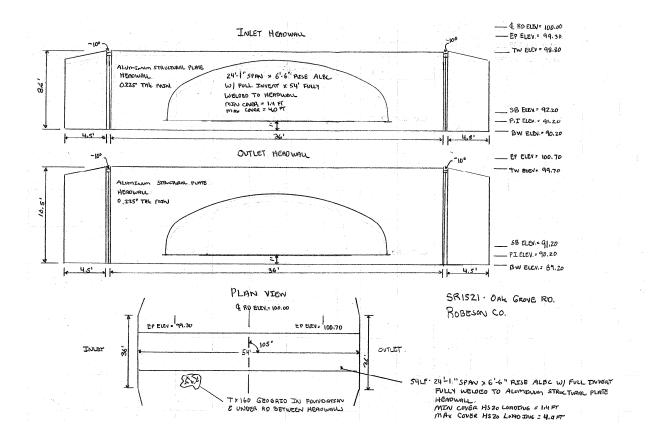
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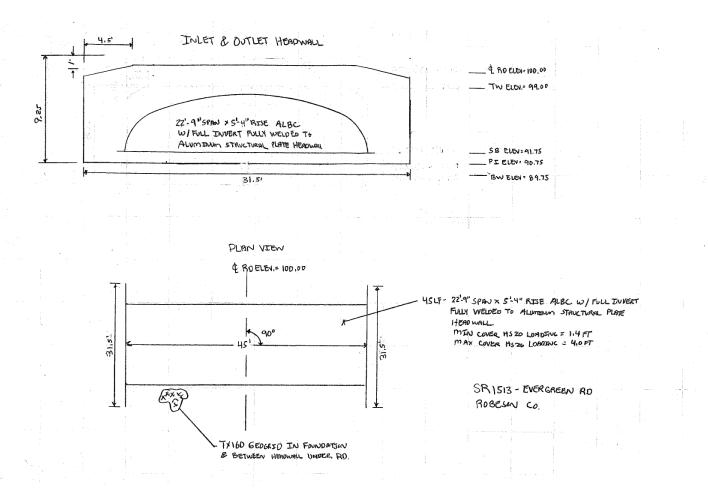












# DIVISION CONTRACT STANDARD SPECIAL PROVISIONS

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# **PERMITS**

The Contractor's attention is directed to the following permits, which have been issued to the Department of Transportation by the authority granting the permit.

**PERMIT AUTHORITY GRANTING THE PERMIT** Navigation U. S. Coast Guard Dredge and Fill and/or U. S. Army Corps of Engineers Work in Navigable Waters (404) State Dredge and Fill and/or Division of Coastal Management, DENR CAMA State of North Carolina Division of Environmental Management, DENR Water Quality (401) State of North Carolina Stormwater Division of Environmental and Natural Resources, DENR, State of North Carolina **Buffer Certification** Division of Environmental Management, DENR State of North Carolina TVA Tennessee Valley Authority

The Contractor shall comply with all applicable permit conditions during construction of this project. Those conditions marked by \* are the responsibility of the department and the Contractor has no responsibility in accomplishing those conditions.

Agents of the permitting authority will periodically inspect the project for adherence to the permits.

The Contractor's attention is also directed to Articles 107-10 and 107-14 of the Standard Specifications and the following:

Should the Contractor propose to utilize construction methods (such as temporary structures or fill in waters and/or wetlands for haul roads, work platforms, cofferdams, etc.) not specifically identified in the permit (individual, general, or nationwide) authorizing the project it shall be the Contractor's responsibility to coordinate with the Engineer to determine what, if any, additional permit action is required. The Contractor shall also be responsible for initiating the request for the authorization of such construction method by the permitting agency. The request shall be submitted through the Engineer. The Contractor shall not utilize the construction method until it is approved by the permitting agency. The request normally takes approximately 60 days to process; however, no extensions of time or additional compensation will be granted for delays resulting from the Contractor's request for approval of construction methods not specifically identified in the permit.

Where construction moratoriums are contained in a permit condition which restricts the Contractor's activities to certain times of the year, those moratoriums will apply only to the portions of the work taking place in the waters or wetlands provided that activities outside those areas is done in such a manner as to not affect the waters or wetlands.

# **AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS – TERMINATION OF CONTRACTS**

(5-20-08) Z-2

General Statute 143C-6-11. (h) Highway Appropriation is hereby incorporated verbatim in this contract as follows:

(h) Amounts Encumbered. – Transportation project appropriations may be encumbered in the amount of allotments made to the Department of Transportation by the Director for the estimated payments for transportation project contract work to be performed in the appropriation fiscal year. The allotments shall be multiyear allotments and shall be based on estimated revenues and shall be subject to the maximum contract authority contained in *General Statute 143C-6-11(c)*. Payment for transportation project work performed pursuant to contract in any fiscal year other than the current fiscal year is subject to appropriations by the General Assembly. Transportation project contracts shall contain a schedule of estimated completion progress, and any acceleration of this progress shall be subject to the approval of the Department of Transportation provided funds are available. The State reserves the right to terminate or suspend any transportation project contract, and any transportation project contract shall be so terminated or suspended if funds will not be available for payment of the work to be performed during that fiscal year pursuant to the contract. In the event of termination of any contract, the contractor shall be given a written notice of termination at least 60 days before completion of scheduled work for which funds are available. In the event of termination, the contractor shall be paid for the work already performed in accordance with the contract specifications.

Payment will be made on any contract terminated pursuant to the special provision in accordance with Subarticle 108-13(E) of the Standard Specifications.

# NCDOT GENERAL SEED SPECIFICATION FOR SEED QUALITY

(5-17-11)

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Seed shall be sampled and tested by the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Seed Testing Laboratory. When said samples are collected, the vendor shall supply an independent laboratory report for each lot to be tested. Results from seed so sampled shall be final. Seed not meeting the specifications shall be rejected by the Department of Transportation and shall not be delivered to North Carolina Department of Transportation warehouses. If seed has been delivered it shall be available for pickup and replacement at the supplier's expense.

Any re-labeling required by the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Seed Testing Laboratory, that would cause the label to reflect as otherwise specified herein shall be rejected by the North Carolina Department of Transportation.

Seed shall be free from seeds of the noxious weeds Johnsongrass, Balloonvine, Jimsonweed, Witchweed, Itchgrass, Serrated Tussock, Showy Crotalaria, Smooth Crotalaria, Sicklepod, Sandbur, Wild Onion, and Wild Garlic. Seed shall not be labeled with the above weed species on the seed analysis label. Tolerances as applied by the Association of Official Seed Analysts will NOT be allowed for the above noxious weeds except for Wild Onion and Wild Garlic.

Tolerances established by the Association of Official Seed Analysts will generally be recognized. However, for the purpose of figuring pure live seed, the <u>found</u> pure seed and <u>found</u> germination percentages as reported by the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Seed Testing Laboratory will be used. Allowances, as established by the NCDOT, will be recognized for minimum pure live seed as listed on the following pages.

The specifications for restricted noxious weed seed refers to the number per pound as follows:

Restricted Noxious <u>Weed</u>	Limitations per Lb. Of Seed	Restricted Noxious <u>Weed</u>	Limitations per Lb. of Seed
Blessed Thistle Cocklebur	4 seeds 4 seeds	Cornflower (Ragged Robin) Texas Panicum	27 seeds 27 seeds
Spurred Anoda	4 seeds	Bracted Plantain	54 seeds
Velvetleaf	4 seeds	Buckhorn Plantain	54 seeds
Morning-glory	8 seeds	Broadleaf Dock	54 seeds
Corn Cockle	10 seeds	Curly Dock	54 seeds
Wild Radish	12 seeds	Dodder	54 seeds
Purple Nutsedge	27 seeds	Giant Foxtail	54 seeds
Yellow Nutsedge	27 seeds	Horsenettle	54 seeds
Canada Thistle	27 seeds	Quackgrass	54 seeds

Field Bindweed 27 seeds Wild Mustard 54 seeds

Hedge Bindweed 27 seeds

Seed of Pensacola Bahiagrass shall not contain more than 7% inert matter, Kentucky Bluegrass, Centipede and Fine or Hard Fescue shall not contain more than 5% inert matter whereas a maximum of 2% inert matter will be allowed on all other kinds of seed. In addition, all seed shall not contain more than 2% other crop seed nor more than 1% total weed seed. The germination rate as tested by the North Carolina Department of Agriculture shall not fall below 70%, which includes both dormant and hard seed. Seed shall be labeled with not more than 7%, 5% or 2% inert matter (according to above specifications), 2% other crop seed and 1% total weed seed.

Exceptions may be made for minimum pure live seed allowances when cases of seed variety shortages are verified. Pure live seed percentages will be applied in a verified shortage situation. Those purchase orders of deficient seed lots will be credited with the percentage that the seed is deficient.

# FURTHER SPECIFICATIONS FOR EACH SEED GROUP ARE GIVEN BELOW:

Minimum 85% pure live seed; maximum 1% total weed seed; maximum 2% total other crop seed; maximum 144 restricted noxious weed seed per pound. Seed less than 83% pure live seed will not be approved.

Sericea Lespedeza Oats (seeds)

Minimum 80% pure live seed; maximum 1% total weed seed; maximum 2% total other crop; maximum 144 restricted noxious weed seed per pound. Seed less than 78% pure live seed will not be approved.

Tall Fescue (all approved varieties)

Kobe Lespedeza

Bermudagrass

Browntop Millet

Korean Lespedeza German Millet – Strain R Weeping Lovegrass Clover – Red/White/Crimson

Carpetgrass

Minimum 78% pure live seed; maximum 1% total weed seed; maximum 2% total other crop seed; maximum 144 restricted noxious weed seed per pound. Seed less than 76% pure live seed will not be approved.

# Common or Sweet Sundangrass

Minimum 76% pure live seed; maximum 1% total weed seed; maximum 2% total other crop seed; maximum 144 restricted noxious weed seed per pound. Seed less than 74% pure live seed will not be approved.

Rye (grain; all varieties) Kentucky Bluegrass (all approved varieties) Hard Fescue (all approved varieties) Shrub (bicolor) Lespedeza

Minimum 70% pure live seed; maximum 1% total weed seed; maximum 2% total other crop seed; maximum 144 noxious weed seed per pound. Seed less than 70% pure live seed will not be approved.

Centipedegrass Japanese Millet

Crownvetch Reed Canary Grass

Pensacola Bahiagrass Zoysia

Creeping Red Fescue

Minimum 70% pure live seed; maximum 1% total weed seed; maximum 2% total other crop seed; maximum 5% inert matter; maximum 144 restricted noxious weed seed per pound.

Barnyard Grass Big Bluestem Little Bluestem Bristly Locust Birdsfoot Trefoil Indiangrass Orchardgrass Switchgrass Yellow Blossom Sweet Clover

# **ERRATA**

(1-17-12) (Rev. 3-20-12) Z-4

Revise the 2012 Standard Specifications as follows:

### Division 2

Page 2-7, line 31, Article 215-2 Construction Methods, replace "Article 107-26" with "Article 107-25".

Page 2-17, Article 226-3, Measurement and Payment, line 2, delete "pipe culverts,".

Page 2-20, Subarticle 230-4(B), Contractor Furnished Sources, change references as follows: Line 1, replace "(4) Buffer Zone" with "(c) Buffer Zone"; Line 12, replace "(5) Evaluation for Potential Wetlands and Endangered Species" with "(d) Evaluation for Potential Wetlands and Endangered Species"; and Line 33, replace "(6) Approval" with "(4) Approval".

### **Division 6**

Page 6-7, line 31, Article 609-3 Field Verification of Mixture and Job Mix Formula Adjustments, replace "30" with "45".

**Page 6-10, line 42, Subarticle 609-6(C)(2),** replace "Subarticle 609-6(E)" with "Subarticle 609-6(D)".

Page 6-11, Table 609-1 Control Limits, replace "Max. Spec. Limit" for the Target Source of P<sub>0.075</sub>/P<sub>be</sub> Ratio with "1.0".

### **Division 10**

Page 10-74, Table 1056-1 Geotextile Requirements, replace "50%" for the UV Stability (Retained Strength) of Type 5 geotextiles with "70%".

### Division 12

Page 12-8, Table 1205-4 and 1205-5, replace "THERMOPLASTIC" in the title of these tables with "POLYUREA".

# **Division 15**

Page 15-6, Subarticle 1510-3(B), after line 21, replace the allowable leakage formula with the following:  $W = LD\sqrt{P} + 148.000$ 

Page 15-6, Subarticle 1510-3(B), line 32, delete "may be performed concurrently or" and replace with "shall be performed".

Page 15-17, Subarticle 1540-3(E), line 27, delete "Type 1".

### **Division 17**

Page 17-26, line 42, Subarticle 1731-3(D) Termination and Splicing within Interconnect Center, delete this subarticle.

# PLANT AND PEST QUARANTINES

(Imported Fire Ant, Gypsy Moth, Witchweed, And Other Noxious Weeds)

(3-18-03) Z-04a

# Within quarantined area

This project may be within a county regulated for plant and/or pests. If the project or any part of the Contractor's operations is located within a quarantined area, thoroughly clean all equipment prior to moving out of the quarantined area. Comply with federal/state regulations by obtaining a certificate or limited permit for any regulated article moving from the quarantined area.

# Originating in a quarantined county

Obtain a certificate or limited permit issued by the N.C. Department of Agriculture/United States Department of Agriculture. Have the certificate or limited permit accompany the article when it arrives at the project site.

### Contact

Contact the N.C. Department of Agriculture/United States Department of Agriculture at 1-800-206-9333, 919-733-6932, or <a href="http://www.ncagr.com/plantind/">http://www.ncagr.com/plantind/</a> to determine those specific project sites located in the quarantined area or for any regulated article used on this project originating in a quarantined county.

# **Regulated Articles Include**

- 1. Soil, sand, gravel, compost, peat, humus, muck, and decomposed manure, separately or with other articles. This includes movement of articles listed above that may be associated with cut/waste, ditch pulling, and shoulder cutting.
- 2. Plants with roots including grass sod.
- 3. Plant crowns and roots.
- 4. Bulbs, corms, rhizomes, and tubers of ornamental plants.
- 5. Hay, straw, fodder, and plant litter of any kind.
- 6. Clearing and grubbing debris.
- 7. Used agricultural cultivating and harvesting equipment.
- 8. Used earth-moving equipment.
- 9. Any other products, articles, or means of conveyance, of any character, if determined by an inspector to present a hazard of spreading imported fire ant, gypsy moth, witchweed or other noxious weeds.

# MINIMUM WAGES

(7-21-09) Z-5

**FEDERAL:** The Fair Labor Standards Act provides that with certain exceptions every employer shall pay wages at the rate of not less than SEVEN DOLLARS AND TWENTY FIVE CENTS (\$7.25) per hour.

**STATE:** The North Carolina Minimum Wage Act provides that every employer shall pay to each of his employees, wages at a rate of not less than SEVEN DOLLARS AND TWENTY FIVE CENTS (\$7.25) per hour.

The minimum wage paid to all skilled labor employed on this contract shall be SEVEN DOLLARS AND TWENTY FIVE CENTS (\$7.25) per hour.

The minimum wage paid to all intermediate labor employed on this contract shall be SEVEN DOLLARS AND TWENTY FIVE CENTS (\$7.25) per hour.

The minimum wage paid to all unskilled labor on this contract shall be SEVEN DOLLARS AND TWENTY FIVE CENTS (\$7.25) per hour.

This determination of the intent of the application of this act to the contract on this project is the responsibility of the Contractor.

The Contractor shall have no claim against the Department of Transportation for any changes in the minimum wage laws, Federal or State. It is the responsibility of the Contractor to keep fully informed of all Federal and State Laws affecting his contract.

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# **LISTING OF MB & WB SUBCONTRACTORS**

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This form must be completed in order for the Bid to be considered responsive and be publicly read. Bidders with no MBE and/or WBE participation must so indicate this on the form by entering the word or number zero.

# SUBSTITUTE FORM W-9 VENDOR REGISTRATION FORMNORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Pursuant to Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Regulations, vendors must furnish their Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) to the State. If this number is not provided, you may be subject to a 20% withholding on each payment. To avoid this 20% withholding and to insure that accurate tax information is reported to the Internal Revenue Service and the State, please use this form to provide the requested information exactly as it appears on file with the IRS.

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	CORPORATION (use Federal ID No.	) □PARTNERSHIP (use Fe	ederal ID No.)
	☐ ESTATE/TRUST (use Federal ID no.)	STATE OR LOCAL GOV	,
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OR FED.EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION	NO		(Employer Identification #)
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To avoid payment delays, completed forms should be returned promptly to:

NC Department of Transportation Fiscal /Commercial Accounts 1514 Mail Service Center Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1514

PHONE (919) 733-3624 FAX (919) 715-3700

# \*AWARD LIMITS ON MULTIPLE PROJECTS\*

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<sup>\*\*</sup>Only those persons authorized to sign bids under the provisions of Article 102-8, Item 7, shall be authorized to sign this form.

### **CORPORATION**

The person executing the bid, on behalf of the Bidder, being duly sworn, solemnly swears (or affirms) that neither he, nor any official, agent or employee of the bidder has entered into any agreement, participated in any collusion, or otherwise taken any action which is in restraint of free competitive bidding in connection with any bid or contract, that the bidder has not been convicted of violating *N.C.G.S.* § 133-24 within the last three years, and that the Bidder intends to do the work with its own bonafide employees or subcontractors and is not bidding for the benefit of another contractor.

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# SIGNATURE OF CONTRACTOR Full name of Corporation Address as Prequalified Attest President/Vice President/Assistant Vice President Secretary/Assistant Secretary Select appropriate title Select appropriate title Print or type Signer's name Print or type Signer's name **CORPORATE SEAL** AFFIDAVIT MUST BE NOTARIZED Subscribed and sworn to before me this the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_ 20 . **NOTARY SEAL** Signature of Notary Public of \_\_\_\_\_County State of My Commission Expires:

# **PARTNERSHIP**

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My Commission Expires:

# LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

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# **EXECUTION OF BID** NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT, DEBARMENT CERTIFICATION AND GIFT BAN CERTIFICATION JOINT VENTURE (2) or (3)

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# SIGNATURE OF CONTRACTOR

Instructions: 2 Joint Venturers Fill in lines (1), (2) and (3) and execute. 3 Joint Venturers Fill in lines (1), (2), (3) and (4) and execute. On Line (1), fill in the name of the Joint Venture Company. On Line (2), fill in the name of one of the joint venturers and execute below in the appropriate manner. On Line (3), print or type the name of the other joint venturer and execute below in the appropriate manner. On Line (4), fill in the name of the third joint venturer, if applicable and execute below in the appropriate manner.

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# INDIVIDUAL DOING BUSINESS UNDER A FIRM NAME

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# INDIVIDUAL DOING BUSINESS IN HIS OWN NAME

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### **DEBARMENT CERTIFICATION**

### Conditions for certification:

- 1. The prequalified bidder shall provide immediate written notice to the Department if at any time the bidder learns that his certification was erroneous when he submitted his debarment certification or explanation filed with the Department, or has become erroneous because of changed circumstances.
- 2. The terms covered transaction, debarred, suspended, ineligible, lower tier covered transaction, participant, person, primary covered transaction, principal, proposal, and voluntarily excluded, as used in this provision, have the meanings set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of the rules implementing Executive Order 12549. A copy of the Federal Rules requiring this certification and detailing the definitions and coverages may be obtained from the Contract Officer of the Department.
- 3. The prequalified bidder agrees by submitting this form, that he will not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in NCDOT contracts, unless authorized by the Department.
- 4. For Federal Aid projects, the prequalified bidder further agrees that by submitting this form he will include the Federal-Aid Provision titled *Required Contract Provisions Federal-Aid Construction Contract (Form FHWA PR* 1273) provided by the Department, without subsequent modification, in all lower tier covered transactions.
- 5. The prequalified bidder may rely upon a certification of a participant in a lower tier covered transaction that he is not debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless he knows that the certification is erroneous. The bidder may decide the method and frequency by which he will determine the eligibility of his subcontractors.
- 6. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this provision. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.
- 7. Except as authorized in paragraph 6 herein, the Department may terminate any contract if the bidder knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available by the Federal Government.

### **DEBARMENT CERTIFICATION**

The pregualified bidder certifies to the best of his knowledge and belief, that he and his principals:

- a. Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal department or agency;
- b. Have not within a three-year period preceding this proposal been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records; making false statements; or receiving stolen property;
- c. Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph b. of this certification; and
- d. Have not within a three-year period preceding this proposal had one or more public transactions (Federal, State or local) terminated for cause or default.
- e. Will submit a revised Debarment Certification immediately if his status changes and will show in his bid proposal an explanation for the change in status.

If the prequalified bidder cannot certify that he is not debarred, he shall provide an explanation with this submittal. An explanation will not necessarily result in denial of participation in a contract.

Failure to submit a non-collusion affidavit and debarment certification will result in the prequalified bidder's bid being considered non-responsive.

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# **State of North Carolina**

# Department of Transportation Subcontractor Payment Information

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**WBS NUMBER:** 6B.207811 SIO #TBA

COUNTY **ROBESON** 

DESCRIPTION: PIPE REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT SR 1104 SITE (1)

ITEM	DESC NO.	SECT	DESCRIPTION		UNIT	UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT BID
1	0001000000-N	800	Mobilization	1	EA.		
2	0043000000-N	SP	Comprehensive Grading	1	EA.		
3	0106000000-E	230	Borrow	100	CY		
4	0318000000-E	300	Foundation Conditioning Material	540	TON		
5	0995000000-E	SP	Pipe Removal		LF		
6	1220000000-E	545	Aggregate Base Course		TON		
7	1498000000-E	610	ACIC, Type I19.0B	20	TON		
8	1525000000-E	610	ACSC, Type SF9.5A	50	TON		
9	1575000000-E	620	Asphalt Binder, Grade PG 64-22	6	TON		
10	2474000000-N	SP	Pipe & Headwall (Assemble & Install Contractor Supplied Pipe)	1	EA		
11	3691000000-N	SP	Dewatering	1	EA		
12	5912000000-N	SP	Utility Relocations	1	EA		
13	6000000000-E	1605	Temporary Silt Fence	300	LF		
14	6000900000-E	1610	Stone for Erosion Control -Class B	200	TON		
15	6036000000-E	1631	Matting for Erosion Control	100	SY		
16	6071010000-E	SP	Wattle	60	LF		
17	6084000000-E	1660	Seeding and Mulching	1/5	AC		

SUBTOTAL FOR SITE 1:

**WBS/ NUMBER:** 6B.207811 SIO# TBA

> COUNTY: Robeson

PIPE REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENTSR1104 SITE (2) **DESCRIPTION:** 

ITEM	DESC NO.	SECT	DESCRIPTION	QTY	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT BID
1	0001000000-N	800	Mobilization	1	EA.		
2	0043000000-N	SP	Comprehensive Grading	1	EA.		
3	0106000000-E	230	Borrow	100	CY		
4	0318000000-E	300	Foundation Conditioning Material	392	TON		
5	0995000000-E	SP	Pipe Removal	38	LF		
6	1220000000-E	545	Aggregate Base Course	119	TON		
7	1498000000-E	610	ACIC, Type I19.0B	20	TON		
8	1525000000-E	610	ACSC, Type SF9.5A	50	TON		
9	1575000000-E	620	Asphalt Binder, Grade PG 64-22	6	TON		
10	2474000000-N	SP	Pipe & Headwall (Assemble & Install Contractor Supplied Pipe)	1	EA.		
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12	5912000000-N	SP	Utility Relocations	1	EA.		
13	6000000000-E	1605	Temporary Silt Fence	300	LF		
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**WBS NUMBER:** 6B.207811 SIO# TBA

> COUNTY: Robeson

**DESCRIPTION: PIPE REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT SR 1138** 

ITEM	DESC NO.	SECT	DESCRIPTION	QTY	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT BID
1	0001000000-N	800	Mobilization	1	EA.		
2	0043000000-N	SP	Comprehensive Grading	1	EA.		
3	0106000000-E	230	Borrow	100	CY		
4	0318000000-E	300	Foundation Conditioning Material	540	TON		
5	0995000000-E	SP	Pipe Removal	50	LF		
6	1220000000-E	545	Aggregate Base Course	119	TON		
7	1498000000-E	610	ACIC, Type I19.0B	20	TON		
8	1525000000-E	610	ACSC, Type SF9.5A	50	TON		
9	1575000000-E	620	Asphalt Binder, Grade PG 64-22	6	TON		
10	2474000000-N	SP	Pipe & Headwall (Assemble & Install Contractor Supplied Pipe)	1	EA		
11	3691000000-N	SP	Dewatering	1	EA		
12	5912000000-N	SP	Utility Relocations	1	EA		
13	6000000000-E	1605	Temporary Silt Fence	300	LF		
14	6000900000-E	1610	Stone for Erosion Control -Class B	80	TON		
15	6036000000-E	1631	Matting for Erosion Control	100	SY		
16	6071010000-E	SP	Wattle	60	LF		
17	6084000000-E	1660	Seeding and Mulching	1/5	AC		

SUBTOTAL FOR SITE 3:\_

**WBS NUMBER:** SIO# TBA 6B.207811

> COUNTY: Robeson

**DESCRIPTION: PIPE REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT SR 1521** 

ITEM	DESC NO.	SECT	DESCRIPTION	QTY	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT BID
1	0001000000-N	800	Mobilization	1	EA		
2	0043000000-N	SP	Comprehensive Grading	1	EA		
3	0106000000-E	230	Borrow	100	CY		
4	0318000000-E	300	Foundation Conditioning Material	419	TON		
5	0995000000-E	SP	Pipe Removal	44	LF		
6	1220000000-E	545	Aggregate Base Course	128	TON		
7	1498000000-E	610	ACIC, Type I19.0B	20	TON		
8	1525000000-E	610	ACSC, Type SF9.5A	50	TON		
9	1575000000-E	620	Asphalt Binder, Grade PG 64-22	6	TON		
10	2474000000-N	SP	Pipe & Headwall (Assemble & Install Contractor Supplied Pipe)	1	EA		
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16	6071010000-E	SP	Wattle	60	LF		
17	6084000000-E	1660	Seeding and Mulching	1/5	AC		

SUBTOTAL FOR SITE 4:\_

WBS NUMBER: 6B.207811 SIO# TBA

> COUNTY: Robeson

**DESCRIPTION: PIPE REMVAL AND REPLACEMENT SR 1513** 

ITEM	DESC NO.	SECT	DESCRIPTION	QTY	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT BID
1	0001000000-N	800	Mobilization	1	EA		
2	0043000000-N	SP	Comprehensive Grading	1	EA		
3	0106000000-E	230	Borrow	100	CY		
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5	0995000000-E	SP	Pipe Removal	42	LF		
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7	1498000000-E	610	ACIC, Type I19.0B	20	TON		
8	1525000000-E	610	ACSC, Type SF9.5A	50	TON		
9	1575000000-E	620	Asphalt Binder, Grade PG 64-22	6	TON		
10	2474000000-N	SP	Pipe & Headwall (Assemble & Install Contractor Supplied Pipe)	1	EA		
11	3691000000-N	SP	Dewatering	1	EA		
12	5912000000-N	SP	Utility Relocations	1	EA		
13	600000000-E	1605	Temporary Silt Fence	300	LF		
14	6000900000-E	1610	Stone for Erosion Control -Class B	80	TON		
15	6036000000-E	1631	Matting for Erosion Control	100	SY		
16	6071010000-E	SP	Wattle	60	LF		
17	6084000000-E	1660	Seeding and Mulching	1/5	AC		

SUBTOTAL FOR SITE 5:	
TOTAL BID FOR PROJECT:	
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STREET ADDRESS	
CITY, STATE, ZIP	
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Authorized Agent	Title
Signature	Date
Witness	Title
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Division Engineer



# STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE
GOVERNOR

Eugene A. Conti, Jr.

FEBRUARY 20, 2012

Department of Transportation Division Bridge Engineer Attn: Darren Pittman 549 Transportation Dr Fayetteville, NC 28301

RE: ACOE Nationwide Permit #3 (Maintenance)

Culvert Replacement SR 1104 Robeson County

Dear Mr. Pittman:

The replacement the crossline culvert pipe along SR 1104 (West NC 83) in Robeson County has been determined to be consistent with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Nationwide Permit #3 for Maintenance.

Location	Existing Culvert	Proposed Culvert	Stream Impact
0.1mi W NC 83	2 (38 LF 66" CMP)	40.5 LF (12'11"x	2.5 LF
		7'6") ALSP Arch	
		w/Headwall &Wings	
0.9mi W NC 83	38 LF 48"x66" CMP	2(40 LF 73" x 55")	2 LF
		Alum w/Headwalls	

The proposed work is authorized by James J. Rerko, PWS, Division 6 Environmental Officer, provided that it is accomplished in strict accordance with the attached conditions (COE General and Regional Conditions and NCDENR 401 WQC#3687). Notification to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will be via a Completion Report, of which, the Corps of Engineers will conduct a field inspection of the completed work to ensure compliance.

A copy of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers General and Regional Conditions are enclosed, along with the NCDENR Division of Water Quality 401 General Certification #3687.

If you should have any questions regarding this notification, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

James J. Rerko, PWS Division 6 Environmental



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FEBRUARY 14, 2012

Department of Transportation Division Bridge Engineer Attn: Darren Pittman 549 Transportation Dr Fayetteville, NC 28301

RE: ACOE Nationwide Permit #3 (Maintenance)

Culvert Replacement SR 1138 Robeson County

Dear Mr. Pittman:

The replacement the crossline culvert pipe along SR 1138 (0.1mi W NC 710) in Robeson County has been determined to be consistent with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Nationwide Permit #3 for Maintenance.

Location	Existing Culvert	Proposed Culvert	Stream Impact
0.1mi W NC 710	50 LF 60" CMP	50 LF (9'9"x 6'7")	0 LF
		CAAP	

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RE: ACOE Nationwide Permit #3 (Maintenance)

Culvert Replacement SR 1521 Robeson County

Dear Mr. Pittman:

The replacement the crossline culvert pipe along SR 1521 (0.5mi W NC 72) in Robeson County has been determined to be consistent with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Nationwide Permit #3 for Maintenance.

Location	Existing Culvert	Proposed Culvert	Stream Impact
0.5mi W NC 72	3 (44 LF (66"x 51")	54 LF 24'1"x 6'6"	10 LF
	CMP	Alum w/Headwall &	
		Wingwalls	

The proposed work is authorized by James J. Rerko, PWS, Division 6 Environmental Officer, provided that it is accomplished in strict accordance with the attached conditions (COE General and Regional Conditions and NCDENR 401 WQC#3687). Notification to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will be via a Completion Report, of which, the Corps of Engineers will conduct a field inspection of the completed work to ensure compliance.

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Sincerely,

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FEBRUARY 20, 2012

Department of Transportation Division Bridge Engineer Attn: Darren Pittman 549 Transportation Dr Fayetteville, NC 28301

RE: ACOE Nationwide Permit #3 (Maintenance)

Culvert Replacement SR 1513 Robeson County

Dear Mr. Pittman:

The replacement the crossline culvert pipe along SR 1513 (0.2mi N NC 72) in Robeson County has been determined to be consistent with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Nationwide Permit #3 for Maintenance.

Location	Existing Culvert	Proposed Culvert	Stream Impact
0.2mi N NC 72	42 LF 72" CMP	45 LF (22'9"x 5'4")	3 LF
		Alum Box Culvert	

The proposed work is authorized by James J. Rerko, PWS, Division 6 Environmental Officer, provided that it is accomplished in strict accordance with the attached conditions (COE General and Regional Conditions and NCDENR 401 WQC#3687). Notification to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will be via a Completion Report, of which, the Corps of Engineers will conduct a field inspection of the completed work to ensure compliance.

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# **NATIONWIDE PERMIT 3** DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

### **CORPS OF ENGINEERS**

## FINAL NOTICE OF ISSUANCE AND MODIFICATION OF NATIONWIDE PERMITS FEDERAL REGISTER

**AUTHORIZED MARCH 19, 2007** 

Maintenance. (a) The repair, rehabilitation, or replacement of any previously authorized, currently serviceable, structure, or fill, or of any currently serviceable structure or fill authorized by 33 CFR 330.3, provided that the structure or fill is not to be put to uses differing from those uses specified or contemplated for it in the original permit or the most recently authorized modification. Minor deviations in the structure's configuration or filled area, including those due to changes in materials, construction techniques, or current construction codes or safety standards that are necessary to make the repair, rehabilitation, or replacement are authorized. This NWP authorizes the repair, rehabilitation, or replacement of those structures or fills destroyed or damaged by storms, floods, fire or other discrete events, provided the repair, rehabilitation, or replacement is commenced, or is under contract to commence, within two years of the date of their destruction or damage. In cases of catastrophic events, such as hurricanes or tornadoes, this two-year limit may be waived by the district engineer, provided the permittee can demonstrate funding, contract, or other similar delays.

- (b) This NWP also authorizes the removal of accumulated sediments and debris in the vicinity of and within existing structures (e.g., bridges, culverted road crossings, water intake structures, etc.) and the placement of new or additional riprap to protect the structure. The removal of sediment is limited to the minimum necessary to restore the waterway in the immediate vicinity of the structure to the approximate dimensions that existed when the structure was built, but cannot extend further than 200 feet in any direction from the structure. This 200 foot limit does not apply to maintenance dredging to remove accumulated sediments blocking or restricting outfall and intake structures or to maintenance dredging to remove accumulated sediments from canals associated with outfall and intake structures. All dredged or excavated materials must be deposited and retained in an upland area unless otherwise specifically approved by the district engineer under separate authorization. The placement of riprap must be the minimum necessary to protect the structure or to ensure the safety of the structure. Any bank stabilization measures not directly associated with the structure will require a separate authorization from the district engineer.
- (c) This NWP also authorizes temporary structures, fills, and work necessary to conduct the maintenance activity. Appropriate measures must be taken to maintain normal downstream flows and minimize flooding to the maximum extent practicable, when temporary structures, work, and discharges, including cofferdams, are necessary for construction activities, access fills, or dewatering of construction sites. Temporary fills must consist of materials, and be placed in a manner, that will not be eroded by expected high flows. Temporary fills must be removed in their entirety and the affected areas returned to pre-construction elevations. The areas affected by temporary fills must be revegetated, as appropriate.
  - (d) This NWP does not authorize maintenance dredging for the primary purpose of navigation or beach restoration. This NWP does not authorize new stream channelization or stream relocation projects.

Notification: For activities authorized by paragraph (b) of this NWP, the permittee must submit a preconstruction notification to the district engineer prior to commencing the activity (see general condition 27). Where maintenance dredging is proposed, the pre-construction notification must include information regarding the original design capacities and configurations of the outfalls, intakes, small impoundments, and canals. (Sections 10 and 404) Note: This NWP authorizes the repair, rehabilitation, or replacement of any previously authorized structure or fill that does not qualify for the Clean Water Act Section 404(f) exemption for maintenance.

#### NATIONWIDE PERMIT CONDITIONS

The following General Conditions must be followed in order for any authorization by a NWP to be valid:

- 1. Navigation. (a) No activity may cause more than a minimal adverse effect on navigation.
- (b) Any safety lights and signals prescribed by the U.S. Coast Guard, through regulations or otherwise, must be installed and maintained at the permittee's expense on authorized facilities in navigable waters of the United States.
- (c) The permittee understands and agrees that, if future operations by the United States require the removal, relocation, or other alteration, of the structure or work herein authorized, or if, in the opinion of the Secretary of the Army or his authorized representative, said structure or work shall cause unreasonable obstruction to the free navigation of the navigable waters, the permittee will be required, upon due notice from the Corps of Engineers, to remove, relocate, or alter the structural work or obstructions caused thereby, without expense to the United States.

No claim shall be made against the United States on account of any such removal or alteration.

- 2. <u>Aquatic Life Movements</u>. No activity may substantially disrupt the necessary life cycle movements of those species of aquatic life indigenous to the waterbody, including those species that normally migrate through the area, unless the activity's primary purpose is to impound water. Culverts placed in streams must be installed to maintain low flow conditions.
- 3. <u>Spawning Areas</u>. Activities in spawning areas during spawning seasons must be avoided to the maximum extent practicable. Activities that result in the physical destruction (e.g., through excavation, fill, or downstream smothering by substantial turbidity) of an important spawning area are not authorized.
  - 4. <u>Migratory Bird Breeding Areas</u>. Activities in waters of the United States that serve as breeding areas for migratory birds must be avoided to the maximum extent practicable.
  - 5. <u>Shellfish Beds</u>. No activity may occur in areas of concentrated shellfish populations, unless the activity is directly related to a shellfish harvesting activity authorized by NWPs 4 and 48.
- 6. <u>Suitable Material</u>. No activity may use unsuitable material (e.g., trash, debris, car bodies, asphalt, etc.). Material used for construction or discharged must be free from toxic pollutants in toxic amounts (see Section 307 of the Clean Water Act).
  - 7. <u>Water Supply Intakes</u>. No activity may occur in the proximity of a public water supply intake, except where the activity is for the repair or improvement of public water supply intake structures or adjacent bank stabilization.
  - 8. Adverse Effects From Impoundments. If the activity creates an impoundment of water, adverse effects to the aquatic system due to accelerating the passage of water, and/or restricting its flow must be minimized to the maximum extent practicable.

- 9. Management of Water Flows. To the maximum extent practicable, the pre-construction course, condition, capacity, and location of open waters must be maintained for each activity, including stream channelization and storm water management activities, except as provided below. The activity must be constructed to withstand expected high flows. The activity must not restrict or impede the passage of normal or high flows, unless the primary purpose of the activity is to impound water or manage high flows. The activity may alter the pre-construction course, condition, capacity, and location of open waters if it benefits the aquatic environment (e.g., stream restoration or relocation activities).
  - 10. <u>Fills Within 100-Year Floodplains</u>. The activity must comply with applicable FEMA-approved state or local floodplain management requirements.
    - 11. <u>Equipment</u>. Heavy equipment working in wetlands or mudflats must be placed on mats, or other measures must be taken to minimize soil disturbance.
- 12. <u>Soil Erosion and Sediment Controls</u>. Appropriate soil erosion and sediment controls must be used and maintained in effective operating condition during construction, and all exposed soil and other fills, as well as any work below the ordinary high water mark or high tide line, must be permanently stabilized at the earliest practicable date. Permittees are encouraged to perform work within waters of the United States during periods of low-flow or no-flow.
  - 13. <u>Removal of Temporary Fills</u>. Temporary fills must be removed in their entirety and the affected areas returned to pre-construction elevations. The affected areas must be revegetated, as appropriate.
  - 14. <u>Proper Maintenance</u>. Any authorized structure or fill shall be properly maintained, including maintenance to ensure public safety.
- 15. Wild and Scenic Rivers. No activity may occur in a component of the National Wild and Scenic River System, or in a river officially designated by Congress as a "study river" for possible inclusion in the system while the river is in an official study status, unless the appropriate Federal agency with direct management responsibility for such river, has determined in writing that the proposed activity will not adversely affect the Wild and Scenic River designation or study status. Information on Wild and Scenic Rivers may be obtained from the appropriate Federal land management agency in the area (e.g., National Park Service, U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service).
  - 16. <u>Tribal Rights</u>. No activity or its operation may impair reserved tribal rights, including, but not limited to, reserved water rights and treaty fishing and hunting rights.
- 17. Endangered Species. (a) No activity is authorized under any NWP which is likely to jeopardize the continued existence of a threatened or endangered species or a species proposed for such designation, as identified under the Federal Endangered Species Act (ESA), or which will destroy or adversely modify the critical habitat of such species. No activity is authorized

under any NWP which "may affect" a listed species or critical habitat, unless Section 7 consultation addressing the effects of the proposed activity has been completed.

- (b) Federal agencies should follow their own procedures for complying with the requirements of the ESA. Federal permittees must provide the district engineer with the appropriate documentation to demonstrate compliance with those requirements.
- (c) Non-federal permittees shall notify the district engineer if any listed species or designated critical habitat might be affected or is in the vicinity of the project, or if the project is located in designated critical habitat, and shall not begin work on the activity until notified by the district engineer that the requirements of the ESA have been satisfied and that the activity is authorized. For activities that might affect Federally-listed endangered or threatened species or designated critical habitat, the pre-construction notification must include the name(s) of the endangered or threatened species that may be affected by the proposed work or that utilize the designated critical habitat that may be affected by the proposed work. The district engineer will determine whether the proposed activity "may affect" or will have "no effect" to listed species and designated critical habitat and will notify the non-Federal applicant of the Corps' determination within 45 days of receipt of a complete pre-construction notification. In cases where the non-Federal applicant has identified listed species or critical habitat that might be affected or is in the vicinity of the project, and has so notified the Corps, the applicant shall not begin work until the Corps has provided notification the proposed activities will have "no effect" on listed species or critical habitat, or until Section 7 consultation has been completed.
  - (d) As a result of formal or informal consultation with the FWS or NMFS the district engineer may add species-specific regional endangered species conditions to the NWPs.
- (e) Authorization of an activity by a NWP does not authorize the "take" of a threatened or endangered species as defined under the ESA. In the absence of separate authorization (e.g., an ESA Section 10 Permit, a Biological Opinion with "incidental take" provisions, etc.) from the U.S. FWS or the NMFS, both lethal and non-lethal "takes" of protected species are in violation of the ESA. Information on the location of threatened and endangered species and their critical habitat can be obtained directly from the offices of the U.S. FWS and NMFS or their world wide Web pages at http://www.fws.gov/ and http://www.noaa.gov/fisheries.html respectively.
- 18. <u>Historic Properties</u>. (a) In cases where the district engineer determines that the activity may affect properties listed, or eligible for listing, in the National Register of Historic Places, the activity is not authorized, until the requirements of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) have been satisfied.
  - (b) Federal permittees should follow their own procedures for complying with the requirements of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. Federal permittees must provide the district engineer with the appropriate documentation to demonstrate compliance with those requirements.
- (c) Non-federal permittees must submit a pre-construction notification to the district engineer if the authorized activity may have the potential to cause effects to any historic properties listed, determined to be eligible for listing on, or potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places, including previously unidentified properties. For such activities, the pre-construction notification must state which historic properties may be affected by the proposed work or include a vicinity map indicating the location of the historic properties or the potential for the presence of historic properties. Assistance regarding information on the location of or potential for the presence of historic resources can be sought from the State

Historic Preservation Officer or Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, as appropriate, and the National Register of Historic Places (see 33 CFR 330.4(g)). The district engineer shall make a reasonable and good faith effort to carry out appropriate identification efforts, which may include background research, consultation, oral history interviews, sample field investigation, and field survey. Based on the information submitted and these efforts, the district engineer shall determine whether the proposed activity has the potential to cause an effect on the historic properties. Where the non-Federal applicant has identified historic properties which the activity may have the potential to cause effects and so notified the Corps, the non-Federal applicant shall not begin the activity until notified by the district engineer either that the activity has no potential to cause effects or that consultation under Section 106 of the NHPA has been completed.

- (d) The district engineer will notify the prospective permittee within 45 days of receipt of a complete preconstruction notification whether NHPA Section 106 consultation is required. Section 106 consultation is not required when the Corps determines that the activity does not have the potential to cause effects on historic properties (see 36 CFR 800.3(a)). If NHPA section 106 consultation is required and will occur, the district engineer will notify the non-Federal applicant that he or she cannot begin work until Section 106 consultation is completed.
- (e) Prospective permittees should be aware that section 110k of the NHPA (16 U.S.C. 470h-2(k)) prevents the Corps from granting a permit or other assistance to an applicant who, with intent to avoid the requirements of Section 106 of the NHPA, has intentionally significantly adversely affected a historic property to which the permit would relate, or having legal power to prevent it, allowed such significant adverse effect to occur, unless the Corps, after consultation with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP), determines that circumstances justify granting such assistance despite the adverse effect created or permitted by the applicant. If circumstances justify granting the assistance, the Corps is required to notify the ACHP and provide documentation specifying the circumstances, explaining the degree of damage to the integrity of any historic properties affected, and proposed mitigation. This documentation must include any views obtained from the applicant, SHPO/THPO, appropriate Indian tribes if the undertaking occurs on or affects historic properties on tribal lands or affects properties of interest to those tribes, and other parties known to have a legitimate interest in the impacts to the permitted activity on historic properties.
- 19. <u>Designated Critical Resource Waters</u>. Critical resource waters include, NOAA-designated marine sanctuaries, National Estuarine Research Reserves, state natural heritage sites, and outstanding national resource waters or other waters officially designated by a state as having particular environmental or ecological significance and identified by the district engineer after notice and opportunity for public comment. The district engineer may also designate additional critical resource waters after notice and opportunity for comment.
- (a) Discharges of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States are not authorized by NWPs 7, 12, 14, 16, 17, 21, 29, 31, 35, 39, 40, 42, 43, 44, 49, and 50 for any activity within, or directly affecting, critical resource waters, including wetlands adjacent to such waters.
- (b) For NWPs 3, 8, 10, 13, 15, 18, 19, 22, 23, 25, 27, 28, 30, 33, 34, 36, 37, and 38, notification is required in accordance with general condition 27, for any activity proposed in the designated critical resource waters including wetlands adjacent to those waters. The district engineer may authorize activities under these NWPs only after it is determined that the impacts to the critical resource waters will be no more than minimal.

- 20. <u>Mitigation</u>. The district engineer will consider the following factors when determining appropriate and practicable mitigation necessary to ensure that adverse effects on the aquatic environment are minimal:
- (a) The activity must be designed and constructed to avoid and minimize adverse effects, both temporary and permanent, to waters of the United States to the maximum extent practicable at the project site (i.e., on site).
  - (b) Mitigation in all its forms (avoiding, minimizing, rectifying, reducing, or compensating) will be required to the extent necessary to ensure that the adverse effects to the aquatic environment are minimal.
- (c) Compensatory mitigation at a minimum one-for-one ratio will be required for all wetland losses that exceed 1/10 acre and require pre-construction notification, unless the district engineer determines in writing that some other form of mitigation would be more environmentally appropriate and provides a project-specific waiver of this requirement. For wetland losses of 1/10 acre or less that require pre-construction notification, the district engineer may determine on a case-by-case basis that compensatory mitigation is required to ensure that the activity results in minimal adverse effects on the aquatic environment. Since the likelihood of success is greater and the impacts to potentially valuable uplands are reduced, wetland restoration should be the first compensatory mitigation option considered.
  - (d) For losses of streams or other open waters that require pre-construction notification, the district engineer may require compensatory mitigation, such as stream restoration, to ensure that the activity results in minimal adverse effects on the aquatic environment.
- (e) Compensatory mitigation will not be used to increase the acreage losses allowed by the acreage limits of the NWPs. For example, if an NWP has an acreage limit of 1/2 acre, it cannot be used to authorize any project resulting in the loss of greater than 1/2 acre of waters of the United States, even if compensatory mitigation is provided that replaces or restores some of the lost waters. However, compensatory mitigation can and should be used, as necessary, to ensure that a project already meeting the established acreage limits also satisfies the minimal impact requirement associated with the NWPs.
- (f) Compensatory mitigation plans for projects in or near streams or other open waters will normally include a requirement for the establishment, maintenance, and legal protection (e.g., conservation easements) of riparian areas next to open waters. In some cases, riparian areas may be the only compensatory mitigation required. Riparian areas should consist of native species. The width of the required riparian area will address documented water quality or aquatic habitat loss concerns. Normally, the riparian area will be 25 to 50 feet wide on each side of the stream, but the district engineer may require slightly wider riparian areas to address documented water quality or habitat loss concerns. Where both wetlands and open waters exist on the project site, the district engineer will determine the appropriate compensatory mitigation (e.g., riparian areas and/or wetlands compensation) based on what is best for the aquatic environment on a watershed basis. In cases where riparian areas are determined to be the most appropriate form of compensatory mitigation, the district engineer may waive or reduce the requirement to provide wetland compensatory mitigation for wetland losses.
- (g) Permittees may propose the use of mitigation banks, in-lieu fee arrangements or separate activity-specific compensatory mitigation. In all cases, the mitigation provisions will specify the party responsible for accomplishing and/or complying with the mitigation plan.

- (h) Where certain functions and services of waters of the United States are permanently adversely affected, such as the conversion of a forested or scrub-shrub wetland to a herbaceous wetland in a permanently maintained utility line right-of-way, mitigation may be required to reduce the adverse effects of the project to the minimal level.
- 21. Water Quality. Where States and authorized Tribes, or EPA where applicable, have not previously certified compliance of an NWP with CWA Section 401, individual 401 Water Quality Certification must be obtained or waived (see 33 CFR 330.4(c)). The district engineer or State or Tribe may require additional water quality management measures to ensure that the authorized activity does not result in more than minimal degradation of water quality.
- 22. <u>Coastal Zone Management</u>. In coastal states where an NWP has not previously received a state coastal zone management consistency concurrence, an individual state coastal zone management consistency concurrence must be obtained, or a presumption of concurrence must occur (see 33 CFR 330.4(d)). The district engineer or a State may require additional measures to ensure that the authorized activity is consistent with state coastal zone management requirements.
- 23. <u>Regional and Case-By-Case Conditions</u>. The activity must comply with any regional conditions that may have been added by the Division Engineer (see 33 CFR 330.4(e)) and with any case specific conditions added by the Corps or by the state, Indian Tribe, or U.S. EPA in its section 401 Water Quality Certification, or by the state in its Coastal Zone Management Act consistency determination.
- 24. <u>Use of Multiple Nationwide Permits</u>. The use of more than one NWP for a single and complete project is prohibited, except when the acreage loss of waters of the United States authorized by the NWPs does not exceed the acreage limit of the NWP with the highest specified acreage limit. For example, if a road crossing over tidal waters is constructed under NWP 14, with associated bank stabilization authorized by NWP 13, the maximum acreage loss of waters of the United States for the total project cannot exceed 1/3-acre.
- 25. <u>Transfer of Nationwide Permit Verifications</u>. If the permittee sells the property associated with a nationwide permit verification, the permittee may transfer the nationwide permit verification to the new owner by submitting a letter to the appropriate Corps district office to validate the transfer. A copy of the nationwide permit verification must be attached to the letter, and the letter must contain the following statement and signature:

"When the structures or work authorized by this nationwide permit are still in existence at the time the property is transferred, the terms and conditions of this nationwide permit, including any special conditions, will continue to be binding on the new owner(s) of the property. To validate

the transfer of this nationwide permit and the associated liabilities associated with compliance with its terms and conditions, have the transferee sign and date below."

(Transferee) (Date)

- 26. <u>Compliance Certification</u>. Each permittee who received an NWP verification from the Corps must submit a signed certification regarding the completed work and any required mitigation. The certification form must be forwarded by the Corps with the NWP verification letter and will include:
  - (a) A statement that the authorized work was done in accordance with the NWP authorization, including any general or specific conditions;
  - (b) A statement that any required mitigation was completed in accordance with the permit conditions; and (c) The signature of the permittee certifying the completion of the work and mitigation.
- 27. <u>Pre-Construction Notification</u>. (a) <u>Timing</u>. Where required by the terms of the NWP, the prospective permittee must notify the district engineer by submitting a pre-construction notification (PCN) as early as possible. The district engineer must determine if the PCN is complete within 30 calendar days of the date of receipt and, as a general rule, will request additional information necessary to make the PCN complete only once. However, if the prospective permittee does not provide all of the requested information, then the district engineer will notify the prospective permittee that the PCN is still incomplete and the PCN review process will not commence until all of the requested information has been received by the district engineer. The prospective permittee shall not begin the activity until either:
  - (1) He or she is notified in writing by the district engineer that the activity may proceed under the NWP with any special conditions imposed by the district or division engineer; or
- (2) Forty-five calendar days have passed from the district engineer's receipt of the complete PCN and the prospective permittee has not received written notice from the district or division engineer. However, if the permittee was required to notify the Corps pursuant to general condition 17 that listed species or critical habitat might affected or in the vicinity of the project, or to notify the Corps pursuant to general condition 18 that the activity may have the potential to cause effects to historic properties, the permittee cannot begin the activity until receiving written notification from the Corps that is "no effect" on listed species or "no potential to cause effects" on historic properties, or that any consultation required under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (see 33 CFR 330.4(f)) and/or Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation (see 33 CFR 330.4(g)) is completed. Also, work cannot begin under NWPs 21, 49, or 50 until the permittee has received written approval from the Corps. If the proposed activity requires a written waiver to exceed specified limits of an NWP, the permittee cannot begin the activity until the district engineer issues the waiver. If the district or division engineer notifies the permittee in writing that an individual permit is required within 45 calendar days of receipt of a complete PCN, the permittee cannot begin the activity until an individual permit has been obtained.

- Subsequently, the permittee's right to proceed under the NWP may be modified, suspended, or revoked only in accordance with the procedure set forth in 33 CFR 330.5(d)(2).
  - (b) <u>Contents of Pre-Construction Notification</u>: The PCN must be in writing and include the following information:
    - (1) Name, address and telephone numbers of the prospective permittee;
      - (2) Location of the proposed project;
- (3) A description of the proposed project; the project's purpose; direct and indirect adverse environmental effects the project would cause; any other NWP(s), regional general permit(s), or individual permit(s) used or intended to be used to authorize any part of the proposed project or any related activity. The description should be sufficiently detailed to allow the district engineer to determine that the adverse effects of the project will be minimal and to determine the need for compensatory mitigation. Sketches should be provided when necessary to show that the activity complies with the terms of the NWP. (Sketches usually clarify the project and when provided result in a quicker decision.);
- (4) The PCN must include a delineation of special aquatic sites and other waters of the United States on the project site. Wetland delineations must be prepared in accordance with the current method required by the Corps. The permittee may ask the Corps to delineate the special aquatic sites and other waters of the United States, but there may be a delay if the Corps does the delineation, especially if the project site is large or contains many waters of the United States. Furthermore, the 45 day period will not start until the delineation has been submitted to or completed by the Corps, where appropriate;
- (5) If the proposed activity will result in the loss of greater than 1/10 acre of wetlands and a PCN is required, the prospective permittee must submit a statement describing how the mitigation requirement will be satisfied. As an alternative, the prospective permittee may submit a conceptual or detailed mitigation plan.
- (6) If any listed species or designated critical habitat might be affected or is in the vicinity of the project, or if the project is located in designated critical habitat, for non-Federal applicants the PCN must include the name(s) of those endangered or threatened species that might be affected by the proposed work or utilize the designated critical habitat that may be affected by the proposed work. Federal applicants must provide documentation demonstrating compliance with the Endangered Species Act; and
- (7) For an activity that may affect a historic property listed on, determined to be eligible for listing on, or potentially eligible for listing on, the National Register of Historic Places, for non-Federal applicants the PCN must state which historic property may be affected by the proposed work or include a vicinity map indicating the location of the historic property. Federal applicants must provide documentation demonstrating compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.
- (c) Form of Pre-Construction Notification: The standard individual permit application form (Form ENG 4345) may be used, but the completed application form must clearly indicate that it is a PCN and must include all of the information required in paragraphs (b)(1) through (7) of this general condition. A letter containing the required information may also be used.
- (d) <u>Agency Coordination</u>: (1) The district engineer will consider any comments from Federal and state agencies concerning the proposed activity's compliance with the terms and conditions of the NWPs and the need for mitigation to reduce the project's adverse environmental effects to a minimal level.

- (2) For all NWP 48 activities requiring pre-construction notification and for other NWP activities requiring pre-construction notification to the district engineer that result in the loss of greater than 1/2-acre of waters of the United States, the district engineer will immediately provide (e.g., via facsimile transmission, overnight mail, or other expeditious manner) a copy of the PCN to the appropriate Federal or state offices (U.S. FWS, state natural resource or water quality agency, EPA, State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) or Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO), and, if appropriate, the NMFS). With the exception of NWP 37, these agencies will then have 10 calendar days from the date the material is transmitted to telephone or fax the district engineer notice that they intend to provide substantive, site-specific comments. If so contacted by an agency, the district engineer will wait an additional 15 calendar days before making a decision on the pre-construction notification. The district engineer will fully consider agency comments received within the specified time frame, but will provide no response to the resource agency, except as provided below. The district engineer will indicate in the administrative record associated with each pre-construction notification that the resource agencies' concerns were considered. For NWP 37, the emergency watershed protection and rehabilitation activity may proceed immediately in cases where there is an unacceptable hazard to life or a significant loss of property or economic hardship will occur. The district engineer will consider any comments received to decide whether the NWP 37 authorization should be modified, suspended, or revoked in accordance with the procedures at 33 CFR 330.5.
- (3) In cases of where the prospective permittee is not a Federal agency, the district engineer will provide a response to NMFS within 30 calendar days of receipt of any Essential Fish Habitat conservation recommendations, as required by Section 305(b)(4)(B) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act.
  - (4) Applicants are encouraged to provide the Corps multiple copies of pre-construction notifications to expedite agency coordination.
  - (5) For NWP 48 activities that require reporting, the district engineer will provide a copy of each report within 10 calendar days of receipt to the appropriate regional office of the NMFS.
- (e) <u>District Engineer's Decision</u>: In reviewing the PCN for the proposed activity, the district engineer will determine whether the activity authorized by the NWP will result in more than minimal individual or cumulative adverse environmental effects or may be contrary to the public interest. If the proposed activity requires a PCN and will result in a loss of greater than 1/10 acre of wetlands, the prospective permittee should submit a mitigation proposal with the PCN. Applicants may also propose compensatory mitigation for projects with smaller impacts. The district engineer will consider any proposed compensatory mitigation the applicant has included in the proposal in determining whether the net adverse environmental effects to the aquatic environment of the proposed work are minimal. The compensatory mitigation proposal may be either conceptual or detailed. If the district engineer determines that the activity complies with the terms and conditions of the NWP and that the adverse effects on the aquatic environment are minimal, after considering mitigation, the district engineer will notify the permittee and include any conditions the district engineer deems necessary. The district engineer must approve any compensatory mitigation proposal before the permittee commences work. If the prospective permittee elects to submit a compensatory mitigation plan with the PCN, the district engineer will expeditiously review the proposed compensatory mitigation plan. The district engineer must review the plan within 45 calendar days of receiving a complete PCN and determine whether the proposed mitigation would ensure no more than minimal adverse effects on the aquatic environment. If the net adverse effects of the project on the aquatic environment

(after consideration of the compensatory mitigation proposal) are determined by the district engineer to be minimal, the district engineer will provide a timely written response to the applicant. The response will state that the project can proceed under the terms and conditions of the NWP.

If the district engineer determines that the adverse effects of the proposed work are more than minimal, then the district engineer will notify the applicant either: (1) That the project does not qualify for authorization under the NWP and instruct the applicant on the procedures to seek authorization under an individual permit; (2) that the project is authorized under the NWP subject to the applicant's submission of a mitigation plan that would reduce the adverse effects on the aquatic environment to the minimal level; or (3) that the project is authorized under the NWP with specific modifications or conditions. Where the district engineer determines that mitigation is required to ensure no more than minimal adverse effects occur to the aquatic environment, the activity will be authorized within the 45-day PCN period. The authorization will include the necessary conceptual or specific mitigation or a requirement that the applicant submit a mitigation plan that would reduce the adverse effects on the aquatic environment to the minimal level. When mitigation is required, no work in waters of the United States may occur until the district engineer has approved a specific mitigation plan.

28. <u>Single and Complete Project</u>. The activity must be a single and complete project. The same NWP cannot be used more than once for the same single and complete project.

## **FURTHER INFORMATION**

- 1. District Engineers have authority to determine if an activity complies with the terms and conditions of an NWP.
- 2. NWPs do not obviate the need to obtain other federal, state, or local permits, approvals, or authorizations required by law.
  - 3. NWPs do not grant any property rights or exclusive privileges.
  - 4. NWPs do not authorize any injury to the property or rights of others.
  - 5. NWPs do not authorize interference with any existing or proposed Federal project.

#### **DEFINITIONS**

<u>Best management practices (BMPs)</u>: Policies, practices, procedures, or structures implemented to mitigate the adverse environmental effects on surface water quality resulting from development. BMPs are categorized as structural or non-structural.

<u>Compensatory mitigation</u>: The restoration, establishment (creation), enhancement, or preservation of aquatic resources for the purpose of compensating for unavoidable adverse impacts which remain after all appropriate and practicable avoidance and minimization has been achieved.

<u>Currently serviceable</u>: Useable as is or with some maintenance, but not so degraded as to essentially require reconstruction.

Discharge: The term "discharge" means any discharge of dredged or fill material.

<u>Enhancement</u>: The manipulation of the physical, chemical, or biological characteristics of an aquatic resource to heighten, intensify, or improve a specific aquatic resource function(s). Enhancement results in the gain of selected aquatic resource function(s), but may also lead to a

decline in other aquatic resource function(s). Enhancement does not result in a gain in aquatic resource area. *Ephemeral stream*: An ephemeral stream has flowing water only during, and for a short duration after, precipitation events in a typical year. Ephemeral stream beds are located above the water table year-round. Groundwater is not a source of water for the stream. Runoff from rainfall is the primary source of water for stream flow

<u>Establishment (creation)</u>: The manipulation of the physical, chemical, or biological characteristics present to develop an aquatic resource that did not previously exist at an upland site. Establishment results in a gain in aquatic resource area.

<u>Historic Property</u>: Any prehistoric or historic district, site (including archaeological site), building, structure, or other object included in, or eligible for inclusion in, the National Register of Historic Places maintained by the Secretary of the Interior. This term includes artifacts, records, and remains that are related to and located within such properties. The term includes properties of traditional religious and cultural importance to an Indian tribe or Native Hawaiian organization and that meet the National Register criteria (36 CFR part 60).

<u>Independent utility</u>: A test to determine what constitutes a single and complete project in the Corps regulatory program. A project is considered to have independent utility if it would be constructed absent the construction of other projects in the project area. Portions of a multi-phase project that depend upon other phases of the project do not have independent utility. Phases of a project that would be constructed even if the other phases were not built can be considered as separate single and complete projects with independent utility.

<u>Intermittent stream</u>: An intermittent stream has flowing water during certain times of the year, when groundwater provides water for stream flow. During dry periods, intermittent streams may not have flowing water. Runoff from rainfall is a supplemental source of water for stream flow.

Loss of waters of the United States: Waters of the United States that are permanently adversely affected by filling, flooding, excavation, or drainage because of the regulated activity. Permanent adverse effects include permanent discharges of dredged or fill material that change an aquatic area to dry land, increase the bottom elevation of a waterbody, or change the use of a waterbody. The acreage of loss of waters of the United States is a threshold measurement of the impact to jurisdictional waters for determining whether a project may qualify for an NWP; it is not a net threshold that is calculated after considering compensatory mitigation that may be used to offset losses of aquatic functions and services. The loss of stream bed includes the linear feet of stream bed that is filled or excavated. Waters of the United States temporarily filled, flooded, excavated, or drained, but restored to preconstruction contours and elevations after construction, are not included in the measurement of loss of waters of the United States. Impacts resulting from activities eligible for exemptions under Section 404(f) of the Clean Water Act are not considered when calculating the loss of waters of the United States.

<u>Non-tidal wetland</u>: A non-tidal wetland is a wetland that is not subject to the ebb and flow of tidal waters. The definition of a wetland can be found at 33 CFR 328.3(b). Non-tidal wetlands contiguous to tidal waters are located landward of the high tide line (i.e., spring high tide line).

<u>Open water</u>: For purposes of the NWPs, an open water is any area that in a year with normal patterns of precipitation has water flowing or standing above ground to the extent that an ordinary high water mark can be determined. Aquatic vegetation within the area of standing or

flowing water is either non-emergent, sparse, or absent. Vegetated shallows are considered to be open waters. Examples of "open waters" include rivers, streams, lakes, and ponds.

Ordinary High Water Mark: An ordinary high water mark is a line on the shore established by the fluctuations of water and indicated by physical characteristics, or by other appropriate means that consider the characteristics of the surrounding areas (see 33 CFR 328.3(e)).

<u>Perennial stream</u>: A perennial stream has flowing water year-round during a typical year. The water table is located above the stream bed for most of the year. Groundwater is the primary source of water for stream flow.

Runoff from rainfall is a supplemental source of water for stream flow.

<u>Practicable</u>: Available and capable of being done after taking into consideration cost, existing technology, and logistics in light of overall project purposes.

<u>Pre-construction notification</u>: A request submitted by the project proponent to the Corps for confirmation that a particular activity is authorized by nationwide permit. The request may be a permit application, letter, or similar document that includes information about the proposed work and its anticipated environmental effects. Pre-construction notification may be required by the terms and conditions of a nationwide permit, or by regional conditions. A pre-construction notification may be voluntarily submitted in cases where pre-construction notification is not required and the project proponent wants confirmation that the activity is authorized by nationwide permit.

<u>Preservation</u>: The removal of a threat to, or preventing the decline of, aquatic resources by an action in or near those aquatic resources. This term includes activities commonly associated with the protection and maintenance of aquatic resources through the implementation of appropriate legal and physical mechanisms. Preservation does not result in a gain of aquatic resource area or functions.

<u>Re-establishment</u>: The manipulation of the physical, chemical, or biological characteristics of a site with the goal of returning natural/historic functions to a former aquatic resource. Re-establishment results in rebuilding a former aquatic resource and results in a gain in aquatic resource area.

<u>Rehabilitation</u>: The manipulation of the physical, chemical, or biological characteristics of a site with the goal of repairing natural/historic functions to a degraded aquatic resource. Rehabilitation results in a gain in aquatic resource function, but does not result in a gain in aquatic resource area.

<u>Restoration</u>: The manipulation of the physical, chemical, or biological characteristics of a site with the goal of returning natural/historic functions to a former or degraded aquatic resource. For the purpose of tracking net gains in aquatic resource area, restoration is divided into two categories: re-establishment and rehabilitation.

<u>Riffle and pool complex</u>: Riffle and pool complexes are special aquatic sites under the 404(b)(1) Guidelines. Riffle and pool complexes sometimes characterize steep gradient sections of streams. Such stream sections are recognizable by their hydraulic characteristics. The rapid movement of water over a course substrate in riffles results in a rough flow, a turbulent surface, and high dissolved oxygen levels in the water. Pools are deeper areas associated with riffles. A slower stream velocity, a streaming flow, a smooth surface, and a finer substrate characterize pools.

<u>Riparian areas</u>: Riparian areas are lands adjacent to streams, lakes, and estuarine-marine shorelines. Riparian areas are transitional between terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems, through

which surface and subsurface hydrology connects waterbodies with their adjacent uplands. Riparian areas provide a variety of ecological functions and services and help improve or maintain local water quality. (See general condition 20.)

<u>Shellfish seeding</u>: The placement of shellfish seed and/or suitable substrate to increase shellfish production. Shellfish seed consists of immature individual shellfish or individual shellfish attached to shells or shell fragments (i.e., spat on shell). Suitable substrate may consist of shellfish shells, shell fragments, or other appropriate materials placed into waters for shellfish habitat.

Single and complete project: The term "single and complete project" is defined at 33 CFR 330.2(i) as the total project proposed or accomplished by one owner/developer or partnership or other association of owners/developers. A single and complete project must have independent utility (see definition). For linear projects, a "single and complete project" is all crossings of a single water of the United States (i.e., a single waterbody) at a specific location. For linear projects crossing a single waterbody several times at separate and distant locations, each crossing is considered a single and complete project. However, individual channels in a braided stream or river, or individual arms of a large, irregularly shaped wetland or lake, etc., are not separate waterbodies, and crossings of such features cannot be considered separately.

Stormwater management: Stormwater management is the mechanism for controlling stormwater runoff for the purposes of reducing downstream erosion, water quality degradation, and flooding and mitigating the adverse effects of changes in land use on the aquatic environment.

Stormwater management facilities: Stormwater management facilities are those facilities, including but not limited to, stormwater retention and detention ponds and best management practices, which retain water for a period of time to control runoff and/or improve the quality (i.e., by reducing the concentration of nutrients, sediments, hazardous substances and other pollutants) of stormwater runoff.

Stream bed: The substrate of the stream channel between the ordinary high water marks. The substrate may be bedrock or inorganic particles that range in size from clay to boulders. Wetlands contiguous to the stream bed, but outside of the ordinary high water marks, are not considered part of the stream bed.

Stream channelization: The manipulation of a stream's course, condition, capacity, or location that causes more than minimal interruption of normal stream processes. A channelized stream remains a water of the United States.

Structure: An object that is arranged in a definite pattern of organization. Examples of structures include, without limitation, any pier, boat dock, boat ramp, wharf, dolphin, weir, boom, breakwater, bulkhead, revetment, riprap, jetty, artificial island, artificial reef, permanent mooring structure, power transmission line, permanently moored floating vessel, piling, aid to navigation, or any other manmade obstacle or obstruction.

Tidal wetland: A tidal wetland is a wetland (i.e., water of the United States) that is inundated by tidal waters. The definitions of a wetland and tidal waters can be found at 33 CFR 328.3(b) and 33 CFR 328.3(f), respectively. Tidal waters rise and fall in a predictable and measurable rhythm or cycle due to the gravitational pulls of the moon and sun. Tidal waters end where the rise and fall of the water surface can no longer be practically measured in a predictable rhythm due to masking by other waters, wind, or other effects. Tidal wetlands are located channelward of the high tide line, which is defined at 33 CFR 328.3(d).

Vegetated shallows: Vegetated shallows are special aquatic sites under the 404(b)(1) Guidelines. They are areas that are permanently inundated and under normal circumstances have rooted aquatic vegetation, such as seagrasses in marine and estuarine systems and a variety of vascular rooted plants in freshwater systems.

Waterbody: For purposes of the NWPs, a waterbody is a jurisdictional water of the United States that, during a year with normal patterns of precipitation, has water flowing or standing above ground to the extent that an ordinary high water mark (OHWM) or other indicators of jurisdiction can be determined, as well as any wetland area (see 33 CFR 328.3(b)). If a jurisdictional wetland is adjacent—meaning bordering, contiguous, or neighboring—to a jurisdictional waterbody displaying an OHWM or other indicators of jurisdiction, that waterbody and its adjacent wetlands are considered together as a single aquatic unit (see 33 CFR 328.4(c)(2)). Examples of "waterbodies" include streams, rivers, lakes, ponds, and wetlands.

#### REGIONAL CONDITIONS FOR NATIONWIDE PERMITS IN THE WILMINGTON DISTRICT

#### 1. Excluded Waters

The Corps has identified waters that will be excluded from the use of all NWP's during certain timeframes. These waters are:

#### 1.1. Anadromous Fish Spawning Areas

Waters of the United States identified by either the North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries (NCDMF) or the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission (NCWRC) as anadromous fish spawning areas are excluded during the period between February 15 and June 30, without prior written approval from NCDMF or NCWRC and the Corps.

#### 1.2. Trout Waters Moratorium

Waters of the United States in the twenty-five designated trout counties of North Carolina are excluded during the period between October 15 and April 15 without prior written approval from the NCWRC. (see Section I. b. 7. for a list of the twenty-five trout counties).

#### 1.3. Sturgeon Spawning Areas

Waters of the United States designated as sturgeon spawning areas are excluded during the period between February 1 and June 30, without prior written approval from the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS).

## 2. Waters Requiring Additional Notification

The Corps has identified waters that will be subject to additional notification requirements for activities authorized by all NWP's. These waters are:

#### 2.1. Western NC Counties that Drain to Designated Critical Habitat

Waters of the U.S. that requires a Pre-Construction Notification pursuant to General Condition 27 (PCN) and located in the sixteen counties listed below, applicants must provide a copy of the PCN to the US Fish and Wildlife Service, 160 Zillicoa Street, Asheville, North Carolina 28805. This PCN must be sent concurrently to the US Fish and Wildlife Service and the Corps Asheville Regulatory Field Office. Please see General Condition 17 for specific notification requirements related to Federally Endangered Species and the following website for information on the location of designated critical habitat.

Counties with tributaries that drain to designated critical habitat that require notification to the Asheville US Fish and Wildlife Service: Avery, Cherokee, Forsyth, Graham, Haywood, 17

Henderson, Jackson, Macon Mecklenburg, Mitchell, Stokes, Surry, Swain, Transylvania, Union and Yancey. Website and office addresses for Endangered Species Act Information:

The Wilmington District has developed the following website for applicants which provide guidelines on how to review linked websites and maps in order to fulfill NWP general condition 17 requirements.

http://www.saw.usace.army.mil/wetlands/ESA

Applicants who do not have internet access may contact the appropriate US Fish and Wildlife Service offices or the US Army Corps of Engineers office listed below.

US Fish and Wildlife Service

Asheville Field Office

160 Zillicoa Street

Asheville, NC 28801

Telephone: (828) 258-3939

Asheville US Fish and Wildlife Service Office counties: All counties west of and including Anson, Stanly, Davidson, Forsyth and Stokes Counties

US Fish and Wildlife Service

Raleigh Field Office

Post Office Box 33726

Raleigh, NC 27636-3726

Telephone: (919) 856-4520

Raleigh US Fish and Wildlife Service Office counties: all counties east of and including Richmond, Montgomery, Randolph, Guilford, and Rockingham Counties.

## 2.2. Special Designation Waters

Prior to the use of any NWP in any of the following North Carolina identified waters and contiguous wetlands, applicants must comply with Nationwide Permit General Condition 27 (PCN). The North Carolina waters and contiguous wetlands that require additional notification requirements are:

"Outstanding Resource Waters" (ORW) and "High Quality Waters" (HQW) (as designated by the North Carolina Environmental Management Commission), or

"Inland Primary Nursery Areas" (IPNA) (as designated by the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission), or "Contiguous Wetlands" (as defined by the North Carolina Environmental Management Commission), or "Primary Nursery Areas" (PNA) (as designated by the North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission).

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#### 2.3. Coastal Area Management Act (CAMA) Areas of Environmental Concern

Non-Federal applicants for any NWP in a designated "Area of Environmental Concern" (AEC) in the twenty (20) counties of Eastern North Carolina covered by the North Carolina Coastal Area Management Act (CAMA), must also obtain the required CAMA permit. Construction activities for non-Federal projects may not commence until a copy of the approved CAMA permit is furnished to the appropriate Wilmington District Regulatory Field Office (Wilmington Field Office – P.O. Box 1890, Wilmington, NC 28402 or Washington Field Office – P.O. Box 1000, Washington, NC 27889).

#### 2. 4. Barrier Islands

Prior to the use of any NWP on a barrier island of North Carolina, applicants must comply with Nationwide Permit General Condition 27 (PCN).

## 2.5. Mountain or Piedmont Bogs

Prior to the use of any NWP in a "Mountain or Piedmont Bog" of North Carolina, applicants shall comply with Nationwide Permit General Condition 27 (PCN).

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Note: The following wetland community types	Piedmont Bogs		
identified in the N.C. Natural Heritage Program document,			
"Classification of Natural communities of North Carolina			
(Michael P. Schafale and Alan S. Weakley, 1990), are			
subject to this regional condition. Mountain Bogs			
Swamp Forest-Bog Complex	Upland depression		
	Swamp Forest		
Swamp Forest-Bog Complex (Spruce Subtype)			
Southern Appalachian Bog (Northern Subtype)			
Southern Appalachian Bog (Southern Subtype)			
Southern Appalachian Fen			

Conditions of Certification:

No Impacts Beyond Those Authorized for this General Certification

No waste, spoil, solids, or fill of any kind shall occur in wetlands, waters, or riparian areas beyond the thresholds established for use of this General Certification, or beyond the footprint of the impacts authorized in the written approval, including incidental impacts. All construction activities, including the design, installation, operation, and maintenance of sediment and erosion control Best Management Practices, shall be performed so that no violations of state water quality standards, statutes, or rules occur.

2. Standard Erosion and Sediment Control Practices

Erosion and sediment control practices must be in full compliance with all specifications governing the proper design, installation and operation and maintenance of such Best Management Practices:

- a. Design, installation, operation, and maintenance of the sediment and erosion control measures must be such that they equal, or exceed, the requirements specified in the most recent version of the North Carolina Sediment and Erosion Control Manual. The devices shall be maintained on all construction sites, borrow sites, and waste pile (spoil) projects, including contractor-owned or leased borrow pits associated with the project.
- b. For borrow pit sites, the erosion and sediment control measures must be designed, installed, operated, and maintained in accordance with the most recent version of the North Carolina Surface Mining Manual.
- c. Reclamation measures and implementation must comply with the reclamation in accordance with the requirements of the Sedimentation Pollution Control Act and the Mining Act of 1971.
- Sufficient materials required for stabilization and/or repair of erosion control measures and stormwater routing and treatment shall be on site at all times. ,except for publicly funded linear transportation projects when materials can be accessed offsite in a timely manner.
- If the project occurs in waters or watersheds classified as Primary Nursery Areas (PNAs), Trout (Tr), SA, WS-I, WS-II, High Quality (HQW), or Outstanding Resource (ORW) waters, then the sediment and erosion control requirements contained within Design Standards in Sensitive Watersheds (15A NCAC 04B .0124) supercede all other sediment and erosion control requirements.
- No Sediment and Erosion Control Measures in Wetlands or Waters

Sediment and erosion control measures should not be placed in wetlands or waters outside of the permitted impact areas without prior approval from the Division. If placement of sediment and erosion control devices in wetlands and waters is unavoidable, then the design and placement of temporary erosion control measures shall not be conducted in a manner that may result in dis-equilibrium of wetlands or stream beds or banks, adjacent to or upstream and down stream of the above structures. All sediment and erosion control devices shall be removed and the natural grade restored within two (2) months of the date that the Division of Land Resources or locally delegated program has released the project.

4. Construction Stormwater Permit NCG010000

Upon the approval of an Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan issued by the Division of Land Resources (DLR) or a DLR delegated local erosion and sedimentation control program, an NPDES General stormwater permit (NCG010000) administered by the Division is automatically issued to the project. This General Permit allows stormwater to be discharged during land disturbing construction activities as stipulated by conditions in the permit. If the

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activity is covered by this permit [applicable to construction projects that disturb one (1) or more acres], full compliance with permit conditions including the sedimentation control plan, self-monitoring, record keeping and reporting requirements are required. A copy of this permit and monitoring report forms may be found at <a href="http://h2o.enr.state.nc.us/su/Forms">http://h2o.enr.state.nc.us/su/Forms</a> Documents.htm.

NCDOT shall be required to be in full compliance with the conditions related to construction activities within the most recent version of their individual NPDES (NCS000250) stormwater permit.

#### 5. Work in the Dry

All work in or adjacent to stream waters shall be conducted in a dry work area. Approved best management practices from the most current version of the NC Sediment and Erosion Control Manual, or the NC DOT Construction and Maintenance Activities Manual, such as sandbags, rock berms, cofferdams, and other diversion structures shall be used to minimize excavation in flowing water. Exceptions to this condition require submittal to, and approval by, the Division.

#### 6. Construction Moratoriums and Coordination

If activities must occur during periods of high biological activity (i.e. sea turtle or bird nesting), then biological monitoring may be required at the request of other state or federal agencies and coordinated with these activities. This condition can be waived through written concurrence on a case by case basis upon reasonable justification.

All moratoriums on construction activities established by the NC Wildlife Resources Commission (WRC), US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), NC Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF), or National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) to protect trout, anadromous fish, larval/post-larval fishes and crustaceans, or other aquatic species of concern shall be obeyed. This condition can be waived through written concurrence on a case by case basis upon reasonable justification.

Work within the twenty-five (25) designated trout counties or identified state or federal endangered or threatened species habitat shall be coordinated with the appropriate WRC, USFWS, NMFS personnel.

#### 7. Riparian Area Protection Rules (Buffer Rules)

Activities located in the protected 50-foot wide riparian areas (whether jurisdictional wetlands or not) within the Neuse, Tar-Pamlico, Randleman, Catawba (or any other basin with buffer rules), shall be limited to "uses" identified within and constructed in accordance with 15A NCAC 2B .0233, .0259, .0250, and .0243, and shall be located, designed, constructed, and maintained to have minimal disturbance to protect water quality to the maximum extent practicable through the use of best management practices. All riparian area protection rule requirements, including diffuse flow requirements, must be met.

#### 8. Water Supply Watershed Buffers

The 100-foot wide (high-density development) or the 30-foot wide vegetative buffer (all other development) must be maintained adjacent to all perennial waters except for allowances as provided in the Water Supply Watershed Protection Rules [15A NCAC 2B .0212 through .0215].

9. Placement of Culverts and Other Structures in Waters and Wetlands

The application must include construction plans with cross-sectional details in order to indicate that the current stability of the stream will be maintained or enhanced (i.e., not result in head cuts).

Culverts required for this project shall be designed and installed in such a manner that the original stream profiles are not altered and allow for aquatic life movement during low flows. Existing stream dimensions (including the cross section dimensions, pattern, and longitudinal profile) must be maintained above and below locations of each culvert. Placement of culverts and other structures in waters, streams, and wetlands must be placed below the elevation of the streambed by one foot for all culverts with a diameter greater than 48 inches, and 20 percent of the culvert diameter for culverts having a diameter less than 48 inches, to allow low flow passage of water and aquatic life, unless otherwise justified and approved by the Division.

Installation of culverts in wetlands must ensure continuity of water movement and be designed to adequately accommodate high water or flood conditions. Additionally, when roadways, causeways or other fill projects are constructed across FEMA-designated floodways or wetlands, openings such as culverts or bridges must be provided to maintain the natural hydrology of the system as well as prevent constriction of the floodway that may result in destabilization of streams or wetlands.

Any rip rap required for normal pipe burial and stabilization shall be buried such that the original stream elevation is restored and maintained.

The establishment of native, woody vegetation and other soft stream bank stabilization techniques must be used where practicable instead of rip-rap or other bank hardening methods.

- 10. If concrete is used during the construction, then a dry work area should be maintained to prevent direct contact between curing concrete and stream water. Water that inadvertently contacts uncured concrete should not be discharged to surface waters due to the potential for elevated pH and possible aquatic life/fish kills.
- 11. Applications for riprap groins proposed in accordance with 15A NCAC 07H .1401 (NC Division of Coastal Management General Permit for construction of Wooden and Riprap Groins in Estuarine and Public Trust Waters) must meet all the specific conditions for design and construction specified in 15A NCAC 07H .1405.
- 12. Temporary Fills and/or Access Roads

All temporary fill and culverts shall be removed and the impacted area returned to the original grade, including each stream's original cross sectional dimensions, plan form pattern, and longitudinal bed and bed profile after construction is complete or within two (2) months of the establishment of the crossing, which ever is sooner, and the various sites shall be stabilized with natural woody vegetation (except for the maintenance areas of permanent utility crossings) and restored to prevent erosion. If the crossings are not completely removed and restored as described above within the specified time above, then written approval from the Division must be obtained to modify this condition.

13. For activities requiring written approval, additional site-specific conditions may be added to the approval letter in order to ensure compliance with all applicable water quality and effluent standards.

#### 14. Certificate of Completion

When written authorization is required for use of this certification, upon completion of all permitted impacts included within the approval and any subsequent modifications, the applicant shall be required to return the certificate of completion attached to the approval. One copy of the certificate shall be sent to the DWQ Central Office in Raleigh at 1650 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC, 27699-1650.

- 15. If an environmental document is required under NEPA or SEPA, then this General Certification is not valid until a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) or Record of Decision (ROD) is issued by the State Clearinghouse.
- 16. This General Certification shall expire three (3) years from the date of issuance of the written approval or on the same day as the expiration date of these corresponding Nationwide and Regional General Permits. In accordance with General Statute 136-44.7B, certifications issued to the NCDOT shall expire only upon expiration of the federal 404 Permit. The conditions in effect on the date of issuance of Certification for a specific project shall remain in effect for the life of the project, regardless of the expiration date of this Certification. If the construction process for approved activities will overlap the expiration and renewal date of the corresponding 404 Permit and the Corps allows for continued use of the 404 Permit, then the General Certification shall also remain in effect without requiring re-application and reapproval to use this Certification for the specific impacts already approved.
- 17. The applicant/permittee and their authorized agents shall conduct all activities in a manner consistent with State water quality standards (including any requirements resulting from compliance with §303(d) of the Clean Water Act), and any other appropriate requirements of State and Federal Law. If the Division determines that such standards or laws are not being met, including failure to sustain a designated or achieved use, or that State or Federal law is being violated, or that further conditions are necessary to assure compliance, then the Division may reevaluate and modify this General Water Quality Certification.

Non-compliance with or violation of the conditions herein set forth by a specific fill project shall result in revocation of this General Certification for the project and may result in criminal and/or civil penalties.

The Director of the North Carolina Division of Water Quality may require submission of a formal application for Individual Certification for any project in this category of activity if it is determined that the project is likely to have a significant adverse effect upon water quality, including state or federally listed endangered or threatened aquatic species, or degrade the waters so that existing uses of the wetland or downstream waters are precluded.

Public hearings may be held for specific applications or group of applications prior to a Certification decision if deemed in the public's best interest by the Director of the North Carolina Division of Water Quality.

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History Note: Water Quality Certification Number 3687 replaces Water Quality Certification Number 3376 issued on March 18, 2002, Water Quality Certification Number 3494 issued December 31, 2004, and Water Quality Certification Number 3624 issued March 2007. This General Certification is rescinded when the Corps of Engineers re-authorizes any of these Nationwide or Regional Permits or when deemed appropriate by the Director of the Division of Water Quality.